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Soviets increase role in Gulf: US

ABOARD USS La Salle in the Gulf, March 17, (Agencies): US Central Command chief Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf has warned that the Soviet Union was increasing its military presence in the Gulf region, and reaffirmed Washington's ability to contend with any Iranian threat.

He also said Washington planned to keep at least six warships in the Gulf.

Gen. Schwarzkopf's remarks came as the Gulf naval force under his command was about to undergo the biggest cut since the Iran-Iraq ceasefire seven months ago.

Schwarzkopf rejected Soviet claims that Moscow only has a small naval force in the Gulf, and said the Kremlin had for the first time established a permanent presence in the strategic waterway.

The US Central Command chief's warning came after Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze called during a Mideast tour last month for a complete withdrawal of all foreign navies in the region.

Schwarzkopf indicated the Navy would soon withdraw three minesweepers from the region, leaving it with 11 warships, including three other minesweepers, in the Gulf compared with six before July 1987, and nine more in an aircraft carrier battle group in the neighbouring northern Arabian Sea. The withdrawal would be the first by the Navy involving more than one warship at a time.

But he said: "The United States is not leaving the Arabian Gulf."

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WEATHER

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 Signs of semi-modernisation.
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 Kuwait: 24°C/75°F
 Almadi: 23°C/72°F
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 Kuwait: 23°C/73°F
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 Falakka: 20°C/68°F
 Maximum humidity recorded:
 Kuwait: 67 per cent
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Rajiv to publish report on Indira murder

NEW DELHI, March 17, (Reuters): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today relented to furious opposition demands that he publish the report of a judicial inquiry into his mother's assassination.

"For my part, I have relived the terrible trauma of that time," Rajiv told Parliament, the scene of frenzied protests after leaks of the probe said to have implicated



Aquino (right) and Nobel peace prize winner Mother Teresa of Calcutta, India greet each other during a prayer meeting in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

Afghan rebels given OIC seat

Rushdie denounced as an apostate

RIYADH, March 17, (Agencies): Islamic states yesterday gave Afghan rebels full membership in the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) and denounced British author Salman Rushdie as an apostate for his novel *The Satanic Verses*.

In a major psychological boost for Afghan rebels fighting the Soviet-backed government in Kabul, OIC foreign ministers agreed at the end of a four-day conference in the Saudi Arabian capital to seat an interim government formed after last month's Soviet withdrawal, delegates said.

The final communique did not refer to the interim government but said: "The conference invited the representatives of the Afghan mujahideen to occupy the seat of the state of Afghanistan."

Pakistan mediating

Iran-Saudi relations

DUBAI, March 17, (Reuters): Muslim rivals Iran and Saudi Arabia may resume diplomatic relations within three weeks as a result of Pakistan's mediation, Iranian sources said yesterday.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Sabahzada Yaqub Khan agreed to act as a go-between during a visit to Iran before this week's Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) meeting in Riyadh, they said.

The sources, who are close to members of the Iranian Parliament, said relations could be restored before the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan starts in three weeks time.

The two powers have been at odds since July, 1987, when more than 400 people, mostly Iranian pilgrims, were killed in Makkah in Iranian-inspired riots.

Diplomats said a resumption of relations would be an important move in complex manoeuvres involving championship of Islam and a rebel Afghan government, which Riyadh has recognised but Iran has not.

"This could be a great advantage for Pakistan," an Asian diplomat said.

Iran finds largest ever gas reserve

Fields shared with Gulf states

ATHENS, March 17, (UPI): Iran has announced it has discovered major new oil reserves and the largest natural gas reserves in the Gulf, through seismic surveys in its continental shelf.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) quoted Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh as saying some of the new fields extend into areas controlled by its Arab neighbours to the south.

The news agency, monitored in Athens, said the seismic surveys were carried out with the assistance of a Dutch company in four regions of the Iranian waters, opposite the states of Ras Al Khaimah, Dubai, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Aqazadeh said the discoveries showed that the Salach reserves in Ras Al Khaimah waters, the Fallah reserves in the Dubai region and the natural gas reserves in Qatar's continental shelf were "shared with Iran."

Ras Al Khaimah and Dubai are sheikhdoms in the United Arab Emirates. There was no immediate comment from the UAE, or from Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

IRNA quoted Aqazadeh as saying "the Iran-Qatar natural gas reserves are the largest in the world," and that "experts have

Aquino accepts risky IMF plan

MANILA, March 17, (Agencies): President Corazon Aquino has brushed aside warnings of possible unrest if her government agrees to the economic recovery plan suggested by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) saying: "There is no programme that is risk free".

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INTERNATIONAL

New Greek cabinet ministers sworn in

ATHENS, March 17, (AP): Premier Andreas Papandreou's newly reshuffled cabinet was sworn into office today, enabling his Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) to battle more effectively for elections three months away, he said.

The reshuffling was the second since a multimillion dollar scandal, involving 34-year-old fugitive Greek banker George Koskotas, broke last October triggering the resignation of eight cabinet ministers. It was the 16th reshuffle in Papandreou's two, four-year terms.

In a brief statement after the swearing-in ceremony, Papandreou described his new administration as "more flexible" and said it would allow his parliamentarians to give a "more effective battle" for the June 18 elections.

A cabinet meeting was held by the 70-year-old leader immediately after the ceremony.

The shake-up came amid opposition calls for the socialist government's resignation because of allegations of government complicity in the banking scandal.

Papandreou reduced the number of cabinet posts from 54 to 42, purging his government of ministers allegedly implicated in the \$200-million looting at the Bank of Crete.

Analysts said the sweeping changes were an attempt by Papandreou to restore confidence in his beleaguered government.

Eagleburger

WASHINGTON, March 17, (AP): The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted unanimously yesterday to approve the nomination of Lawrence Eagleburger as the No. 2 man at the State Department, ending a controversy over his ties to former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's international consulting firm.

The 19-0 vote came after Eagleburger, who earned more than \$900,000 last year as president of Kissinger Associates, agreed to voluntarily disqualify himself from all matters involving former clients of the firm if he becomes deputy secretary of state.

US soldier charged with espionage

FRANKFURT, March 17, (AP): An American once considered a "pretty decent soldier" has been charged with espionage for allegedly giving secret plans for the defence of West Germany to communists in East Germany, a US military spokesman said.

Another US military spokesman said yesterday that the East Germans themselves notified US officials that Spec. 4 Michael A. Peri had contacted them.

Peri disappeared on Feb 21 from his unit near the East German border, taking a lap-top computer

Grapes of wrath: pro-Israeli group responsible

TOKYO, March 17, (Agencies): A Japanese newspaper yesterday said a pro-Israeli group had claimed responsibility for poisoning Chilean grape exports to the United States in a bid to block the US-Palestinian dialogue.

In a news dispatch from Mexico, Japanese daily "Mainichi" reported that Spanish-speaking pro-Israeli elements had phoned the radio station in San Diego claiming responsibility of grape poisoning because the US had

ignored their warnings against US-PLO dialogue.

The paper said the anonymous elements had threatened to poison Colombia's and Brazil's agricultural exports to the US.

The Chilean government blamed the Communist Party after traces of cyanide were found in the US in some grapes from Chile, a charge categorically denied by the Communist Party.

The United States has ordered food inspectors to fly to Chile to

check security arrangements for fruit that has been barred from the US market. Canada and Japan also banned fruits from Chile.

High-level Chilean and US officials and importers held urgent talks throughout yesterday, attempting to agree on inspection procedures to protect consumers and allow the import of Chilean fruits to resume.

Chile's naval commander and member of the ruling junta banned Japanese fishing vessels in

Chilean ports from fishing until Japan resumes imports of fruit from the South American nation.

"I have all their fishing boats in port and none will be able to fish until they open their market to Chilean fruits," the government news agency reported.

Adm. Jose Toribio Merino said at the Pacific port city of Valparaiso, 75 miles (120 km) northeast of Santiago.

In announcing the detention,

Merino also criticised US officials involved in the ban as "functionaries of the second order and second class."

Senior Chilean officials were in Washington trying to dissolve the crisis and work out an inspection programme to allow fruit exports to resume.

President Augusto Pinochet visited fruit packing plants yesterday and said the United States has overreacted in banning Chilean fruit.

Filipino rebels seize farmland

Bid to discredit government

CAUAYAN, Philippines, March 17, (AP): Communist rebels have seized thousands of hectares (acres) of land to distribute to poor farmers in what the military says is a bid to discredit the government's fledgling land reform programme.

Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos told the cabinet last December that the New People's Army had seized more than 31,000 hectares (76,500 acres) nationwide.

Ramos described the rebel programme as "a critical problem" aimed at discrediting President Corazon Aquino's land reform programme enacted by Congress last July.

One farmer, who gave his name as Rubio Laurente, said he was proud to receive a rebel title for lands he had already worked for 22 years.

"We have sacrificed so long and yet the government has not given us any lands," said another recipient, Santiago Diego, 41. "Now land has been given to me for free, and I am very happy that the land is mine."

The government programme calls for purchasing land from owners and redistributing it to about two million landless farmers at a cost of \$7.3 billion during the first 10 years.

Officials said recently that the Aquino government has already redistributed about 132,000 hectares (32,600 acres).

Frank Fernandez, local chairman of the rebel National Democratic Front, said the guerrillas had already distributed 12,000 hectares (29,600 acres) on Negros island in the past five years. Another 15,000 hectares (37,000 acres) would be redistributed on the island this year, he said.

Fernandez claimed rebels had seized and distributed about 45,000 hectares (111,150 acres) throughout the central Visayas islands, which includes Negros.

Land reform is widely seen as critical to curbing the communist insurgency, now in its 21st year. Nowhere is the need for reform so critical as on the sugar-growing island of Cauayan, where two-thirds of the 3 million people live in the countryside, often in abject poverty.

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Those receiving lands include families of guerrillas killed in battle as well as members of the movement. Recipients of prime farmlands, mostly irrigated rice fields, receive up to two hectares (4.95 acres).

Farmers who select hilly tracts get five hectares (12.35 acres). Those willing to farm terraced, limestone hills suitable for growing coffee receive up to 10 hectares (24.7 acres).

Congressman shot dead

MANILA, March 17, (AP): A lone gunman fatally shot a Filipino congressman today moments after he arrived in his home province of Masbate after a flight from Manila.

Two other people died and two were wounded in the attack.

Rep. Moises Espinosa, a member of the island province Masbate's leading political family, was the first member of Congress to be slain since President Corazon Aquino took office in February 1986 after a popular uprising toppled strongman Ferdinand Marcos.

Espinosa, who came from a leading political family on Masbate, was once a member of Marcos' New Society Movement Party. More recently, he was a member of the party supporting Aquino.

The killer, dressed in military fatigues and wearing sunglasses, escaped aboard a motorcycle with a companion, police said. Earlier reports had said up to five assailants attacked Espinosa.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Copter crash kills four

SEOUL, March 17, (UPI): A Marine Corps CH-46 helicopter crashed during a joint US-South Korean military exercise today, killing four crewmen, a US armed forces spokesman said.

The spokesman said helicopter went down in rice paddies about 1:30 pm at Tokso-k, near the town of Pohang, 170 miles (270 km) southeast of Seoul.

Explosion at arms factory

ATHENS, March 17, (Reuter): One person was killed and eight were injured in an explosion at a Greek arms factory, police said today.

The blast occurred at the Atlas Arms Factory near the town of Avlona 60 km (35 miles) north of Athens and fire broke out afterwards.

3 killed in collapse of tower

PAVIA, Italy, March 17, (Reuter): Three people died when a mediaeval tower collapsed onto houses and shops in the northern city of Pavia today, the Civil Protection Ministry said.

A ministry spokesman said three bodies had been recovered and rescuers were still digging through rubble. Sniffer dogs trained in earthquake rescue had been sent to the scene.

New terrorist challenge

LEIDEN, Netherlands, March 17, (Reuter): Radical right-wing groups are posing a new terrorist challenge to Western Europe, according to an expert on terrorism.

"More people have been assassinated by right-wing groups than left-wing groups in recent years," Bert Jongman, a Dutch expert on political violence, told a two-day conference on international terrorism.

Arms smuggling case

STOCKHOLM, March 17, (Reuter): A Swedish prosecutor has appealed against a court decision last month that cleared two Swedish businessmen of Middle East arms smuggling charges, court officials said today.

They said prosecutor Stig Age filed an appeal against the district court of Karlstoga to free Mats Lundberg, an ex-director of Karl-Erik Schmitz.

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Afghan rebels given OIC seat

(Continued from Page 1) the book and take necessary measures to protect the religious beliefs of others."

Iran expressed satisfaction with an OIC declaration, issued separately from the final communiqué, vigorously denouncing the book as an attempt to malign Islam and an affront to religious sensibilities.

The OIC made no reference to a call last month by Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini for Muslims to kill the British author for blaspheming against Islam.

The OIC has supported the view of Iran saying he is an apostate," an Iranian delegate said.

Islamic law says apostasy is punishable by death.

Rushdie, now in hiding in Britain under police protection, was born into a Muslim family in India.

The separate declaration said of The Satanic Verses: "This publication transgresses all norms of civility and decency and is a deliberate attempt to malign Islam and the venerated Islamic personality."

An Iranian leader today welcomed the OIC declaration and called for the recognition of the heroic Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

Sheikh Sabah indicated that the meeting also welcomed the ceasefire realised between Iraq and Iran, with an emphasis on continuing peace efforts and exchanging prisoners.

British junior Foreign Minister William Waldegrave today said Salman Rushdie's book The Satanic Verses contained "blasphemies against Islam."

The conference demanded that occupied Arab territory be



Caring for the children

Superstar Michael Jackson waves to photographers as he is surrounded by some of the 200 children, who are mentally disabled or part of Big Brother/Big Sister programme of the Santa Barbara area. Jackson invited the children to watch Circus Vargas perform. (Reuter wirephoto)

Militants escape with rifles

Sinhalese raid four police stations

COLOMBO, March 17, (AP): Suspected Sinhalese militants attacked four police stations in southern Sri Lanka this week and killed at least five policemen before escaping with rifles and shotguns, a military spokesman said yesterday.

The official said two of the police stations were in the capital and the others were in the Sinhalese heartland in the south.

Speaking on condition of not being named, the official said two extremists were killed in one of the attacks — a Thursday assault on a police station in Matugama, a southeastern suburb of Colombo.

15 years jail term for Soviet hijack leader

MOSCOW, March 17, (Reuter): Three policemen died defending the police station.

Two policemen died and five were injured in an attack in Gampaha town, 145 kilometres (90 miles) south of Colombo. One police station was raided in Ambapola, 55 kilometres (35 miles) south of Colombo and another in Kirulopone in the capital. The three attacks took place on Wednesday.

Indian soldiers shot and killed seven Tamil rebels on Wednesday in the jungles of Vavuniya, 217 kilometres (135 miles) north of Colombo, an official at the Indian High Commission (embassy) said.

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The gang's motives were not to leave the Soviet Union for political, religious or other motives, but rather to get rich by seizing millions from the state in foreign currency," it said.

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INTERNATIONAL

**Earthquake**

Two East German soldiers look for still usable bricks in front of a stable, damaged during an earthquake at the East German village of Voelkershausen near the border to West Germany. (Reuter radio-photo)

NEWS IN BRIEF**Famine kills 5,000**

MAPUTO, March 17, (Reuter): Famine caused by war and drought has killed almost 5,000 people in northern Mozambique since January, the official Mozambican news agency AIM said. Catholic missionaries last month reported 3,591 famine-related deaths in Memba district's Nampula province between Jan 5 and Feb 17.

Craft blasts off

MOSCOW, March 17, (Reuter): An unmanned spacecraft carrying supplies has taken off for the Soviet space station Mir, Tass news agency said today. The spacecraft, Progress-41, blasted off last night, the Soviet news agency said. It did not say when it would dock with Mir.

Partymen expelled

BEIJING, March 17, (UPI): The Chinese Communist Party announced yesterday it had expelled 23,000 of its members for corruption and incompetence and brought disciplinary action against more than 60,000 others because they were judged to be unqualified. The announcement came after a membership appraisal launched last year amid criticism of corruption and ineptitude among the 6.4 million members of China's ruling party.

Smugglers jailed

JACKSON, March 17, (AP): Four men convicted on US drug charges in connection with Mississippi's biggest cocaine seizure have received prison sentences ranging up to 22 years, authorities said. Carlos Alberto Espitia, 31, and three other Colombian nationals, was sentenced to 22 years imprisonment and ordered to pay a \$25,000 fine the stiffer of four sentences.

Script for sale

LONDON, March 17, (Reuter): The working manuscript of the 19th century Russian novel "Fathers and Sons" by Ivan Turgenev will be sold in London in May, according to an announcement by the auctioneers. The price is expected to run as high as half a million pounds (around \$800,000) Sotheby's said yesterday.

Decision postponed

PARIS, March 17, (Reuter): The 13-nation European Space Agency (ESA) has postponed a decision to build an orbiting polar platform as part of an international space station project. Frederik Engstrom, director of ESA's space station and platform section, told Reuters a final decision on building the component — the Columbus Polar Platform — would now be taken at the next full agency meeting in October.

Male chauvinism

LONDON, March 17, (Reuter): Boys at all-male Eton College where generations of Britain's leaders have received a rigorous and expensive education, are accused in their school magazine of treating women as sex objects. A schoolgirl who signed herself only as "Sarah" wrote to complain about the way Etonians treat their female peers.

Move to free singer

COLUMBIA, March 17, (AP): While inmate James Brown works with a prison choir, the voices of supporters trying to win early release for the "Godfather of Soul" ring loud across the country. Jesse Jackson urges compassion for Brown, who is serving a six-year prison sentence for trying to run over two police officers during a two-state chase last fall.

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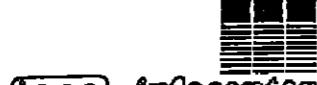


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**26 newsmen die on duty****Risk in covering wars**

WASHINGTON, March 17, (AP): A world-wide survey of attacks on the media found 26 journalists died, and at least one disappeared, in the line of duty last year, The Committee to Protect Journalists said Thursday.

"If you look at the world of journalism, there are people around the world who are not just threatened, but who have been killed," said Anne Nelson, executive director of the non-partisan committee founded in 1981 by a group of US reporters and editors.

The hazards of covering wars attract the most attention, yet the biggest risk seems to involve reporters doing the day-to-day jobs of covering crime and corruption at the local levels, Ms Anne said at a National Press Club briefing.

Overall, she said, her group documented some 800 incidents of threats, killings, injuries or other harassment of journalists last year.

That was up from 600 the year before, but she said not to assume that means a 25 per cent increase in incidents. Rather, Anne said, the collection of information on individual cases has been

improved.

The Philippines appears to have become the most dangerous workplace for local reporters, said Anne, with five deaths last year.

Afghanistan was also listed among the most dangerous locations with four deaths.

Hazards in Latin America have shifted in recent years, Anne reported. When her group was founded, the Central American region, including the battlegrounds in Nicaragua and Honduras, seemed to be the most dangerous.

However, now the hazard seems larger in Mexico and Colombia where drug lords operate, she said.

Mexico and Colombia each recorded four fatalities among journalists last year, she said.

In addition to the journalists killed during the year another, Duong Hung Cuong, died in detention in Vietnam. A journalist, held for re-education after the end of the war in Vietnam, he died of a cerebral hemorrhage, according to authorities. However, his family was not allowed to see the body, Anne said.

Scientists develop anti-cancer strategy

WASHINGTON, March 17, (Reuter): A group of US scientists yesterday reported progress on a novel anti-cancer strategy that seeks to kill off tumours by restricting their blood supply.

The scientists said they discovered that a synthetic chemical, combined with a hormone called cortisone, stopped the abnormally rapid growth of the tiny blood vessels known as capillaries that tumours need to keep themselves growing.

The researchers, writing in the March 17 Science magazine, said the discovery could prove useful in a variety of medical applications since the process of generating new capillary systems, known as angiogenesis, is linked to numerous human diseases besides cancers, including conditions leading to blindness, arthritis and psoriasis, a severe skin disease.

Scientists previously have shown that tumours cannot grow beyond a certain point unless new capillaries develop rapidly alongside them. What was missing was an effective way to block capillary growth.

Now, a research team led by Paul Weiss of the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Medical School's Robert Folkman said they have identified cortisone as effective in blocking capillary growth.

Further, they synthesised a chemical in the laboratory that wraps itself around the cortisone and attaches it to the cells that line blood vessels, where it can do the most good.

The synthetic chemical is a derivative of a class of sugars called cyclodextrins "that can be reliably synthesised in large quantities," they said.

The researchers did their study using rabbit corneas, which are rich in tiny blood vessels, and now will try to apply their findings to humans, they said.

Cholesterol

■ Washington: Many food manufacturers are misleading consumers by making deceptive "no cholesterol" claims and should be required to disclose the amount of saturated fat in their products, lawmakers said.

To improve food labelling, representative Dan Glickman, Democrat of Kansas and Senator Tom Harkin, Democrat of Iowa, have introduced a bill that would force most manufacturers to list the type of vegetable oil used in their products. They failed in efforts last year to pass a similar measure.

The amount of saturated fat in vegetable oils varies tremendously, from a low of nine per cent in safflower oil to a high of 92 per cent in coconut oil.

"Many consumers have found it impossible to determine the actual ingredients in some food products because of vague, misleading or imprecise labelling of foods on their grocers' shelves," Harkin said at a news conference. (UPI)

Saliva may be a source of AIDS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17, (UPI): AIDS researchers advised dentists that a new study indicates saliva is a very unlikely source for transmission of the AIDS virus.

In findings presented at a meeting of the American Association for Dental Research, University of California-San Francisco researchers reported that human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, which causes AIDS, is only rarely found in saliva.

The study did show, however, that saliva may be a good source for detecting the presence of HIV antibodies, which are proteins the body produces after exposure to the AIDS virus but that do not transmit the disease.

Cheney confirmed as defence secretary

WASHINGTON, March 17, (Reuter): The Senate today unanimously confirmed Congressman Dick Cheney as US Defence Secretary, eight days after rejecting John Tower, President Bush's first choice to head the Pentagon.

In a vote of bipartisan goodwill after the bitter-party-line battle over Tower, senators approved the popular Republican legislator to preside over major cuts in US military spending next year.

The White House said earlier that Cheney, 48, probably would be sworn in next week as the 14th and last government agency chief to take a seat in the Bush cabinet.

His nomination was rushed through the Senate after Tower was rejected by a 53-47 vote on March 9 amid allegations the former Texas senator was a heavy drinker and womaniser and was too cosy with US defence firms.

Cheney, a conservative who once served as White House chief of staff under former President Gerald Ford, was nominated by Bush the day after Tower was beaten.

At the defence department, he must make decisions within weeks on where to begin eliminating or stretching out weapons programmes.

issue of The Journal of Geophysical Research.

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That was the pattern in the Southern Hemisphere, Diaz reported.

Murder toll in US rising**Ban spurs gun-running**

CHICAGO, March 17, (Reuter): Gun lovers went on buying sprees in small towns and big cities across the country on Thursday, snapping up the last remaining semi-automatic assault weapons in the face of a government ban on their import.

"It's like a run on the bank," said Robert Ishkanian, owner of Edelmann's Sporting Goods Inc in Farmingdale, New York, which calls itself the largest retail gun store in the world.

One major dealer said not a single gun of this type would be left unsold in the United States by week's end. Some stores were raking in huge profits, raising prices by 50 per cent or more.

Although the government's ban on imports is temporary, as experts review whether the weapons have a legitimate sports use, many collectors apparently feel the case is already closed.

Adding to the fever was an announcement by Colt Industries Inc that it was voluntarily suspending sales of its semi-automatic rifles, the only real domestically produced competition for such imports as the AK-47 and the Uzi.

Stanton Myerson, owner of Lou's Guns, one of the biggest Philadelphia-area gun dealers, said his sales increased at least tenfold after the ban. "It was unbelievable.... I could have used a switchboard," he said.

"I don't know where I can get any more," he added.

The guns have been under fire since January when a drifter used a Chinese-made AK-47 to kill five children in a Stockton, California, schoolyard.

Ishkanian said his seven stores have been selling about 100 AK-47s and other imported

semiautomatic assault guns per day since the government announced the ban on Tuesday, at prices that are \$100 to 200 higher than before.

"I think we're going to be all out of them by the end of the week. There probably won't be an assault rifle left to buy in this country," he said.

Murder toll

The 1989 murder toll in the US capital rose to 112 on Thursday as police recorded five deaths from gunshots and a new anti-drug curfew took effect.

Police said four men were killed in separate shootings during a nine-hour period ending before dawn on Thursday and a man shot last week died of his wounds on Thursday.

Police had no suspects or motives for the latest killings, but authorities say most murders result from rival gangs fighting for control of the cocaine trade.

In 1988, police said a record 372 people were murdered in Washington — the highest per capita rate in the United States.

The curfew, aimed at stemming a wave of drug-related killings, bans people under 18 years old from city streets after 11 pm on weekdays and midnight on weekends.

Mayor Marion Barry said police would not start rounding up violators, who will be held in police stations until parents or guardians get them, until Monday.

Another new law went into effect in Washington on Thursday for mandatory five-year minimum prison sentences, without parole or probation, for criminals using guns in any crime.

World is wetter, but not everywhere

WASHINGTON, March 17, (AP): Land areas of the planet have gotten wetter over the last century or so, but the rainfall increases have overlooked some large areas, a new study discloses.

South America and Australia have received measurable increases in precipitation since the late 1800s, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported.

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But there has been a decline in Africa and in tropical areas of the Northern Hemisphere, the agency said.

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Shamir meets Palestinians

Deep rift among US Jews

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 17. (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has been holding secret meetings with Palestinian leaders who are not members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, his spokesman said Thursday.

The spokesman, Avi Pazner, confirmed a report on Israeli Television that secret meetings were underway. Pazner told the Associated Press that the meetings started shortly after Shamir became Prime Minister last December.

"Its purpose is to have a dialogue with non-PLO Palestinians," Pazner said. "He has been meeting with non-PLO Palestinians, and he will continue to do so."

He declined to identify the Palestinians, saying "it could endanger their lives."

Israel must end occupation

Intifada to go on

WASHINGTON, March 17 (KUNA): A top PLO official made it clear here Thursday to the Bush administration that under no circumstances will the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories be halted until Israeli occupation ends and self-determination is achieved.

The Palestinian leader also made it clear that while the PLO is ready to work for a ceasefire in south Lebanon, under no circumstances will the PLO accept "a unilateral ceasefire" without Israel committing itself to halting attacks against Palestinians and Lebanese in south Lebanon.

Dr Nabil Shaath, a close adviser of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and head of the political committee of the Palestine National Council spoke to the American media at the National Press Club in Washington after attending an important conference held over the weekend in New York in which PLO officials and Israeli Knesset members discussed ways of promoting a peace process in the Middle East.

Also...

■ PLO-US talks: The PLO will "categorically" reject any US proposal to end the uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories when officials from both sides meet in Tunis, on March 22 a PLO official said in remarks published on Thursday.

A proposal to reduce tension in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip is expected to be presented by US Ambassador to Tunis, Robert Pelletreau, during the new round of talks with PLO officials.

US officials have said the proposal also will call on Israel to release political prisoners and to reopen schools in the territories.

The Palestinian side will not discuss any proposal on the continuation of the intifada, which is categorically not a subject for discussion or bargaining," PLO executive council member Yasser Abedrabbo said.

Abedrabbo told the United Arab Emirates newspaper Al Bayan in an interview that the 15-month-old "uprising will continue until the end of the Israeli occupation."

■ Responsibility of attack: A shadowy extreme-rightist group using a Latin name is stalking prominent Israelis who support dialogue with the PLO, police said today.

The Sicari, who take their name from Jewish zealots who murdered collaborators with the Romans in ancient times, claimed responsibility for an arson attack on Thursday on the home of broadcaster Dan Margalit.

They also tried to burn the home of a relative of leftist parliamentarian Yair Tsaban in the same building.

In a telephone call to an Israeli newspaper, a man claiming to speak for the group said: "We blew up the apartments of Dan Margalit and Yair Tsaban — may they be wiped off the face of the earth — because Margalit invited Faisal Husseini to appear on TV and because Tsaban met with the PLO abroad."

The attacks caused slight damage and no injuries.

They were the latest in a spate of arson attacks and threats against leading Israeli doves.

■ No compromise on Golan: Israel cannot afford to return parts of the annexed Golan Heights to Syria in exchange for peace, an Israeli Defense Ministry study has concluded.

Motti Gur, a former chief of staff who headed the study, said the two countries have to examine new forms of co-existence because Israeli security would be compromised if Israel returned the strategic territory seized from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war.

Speaking late Thursday to members of an Israeli settlement located about 10 miles (15 kilometres) west of the border with Syria, Gur said a special panel was formed four years ago to study Israel's military response to future warfare in the Golan Heights, which Israel annexed.

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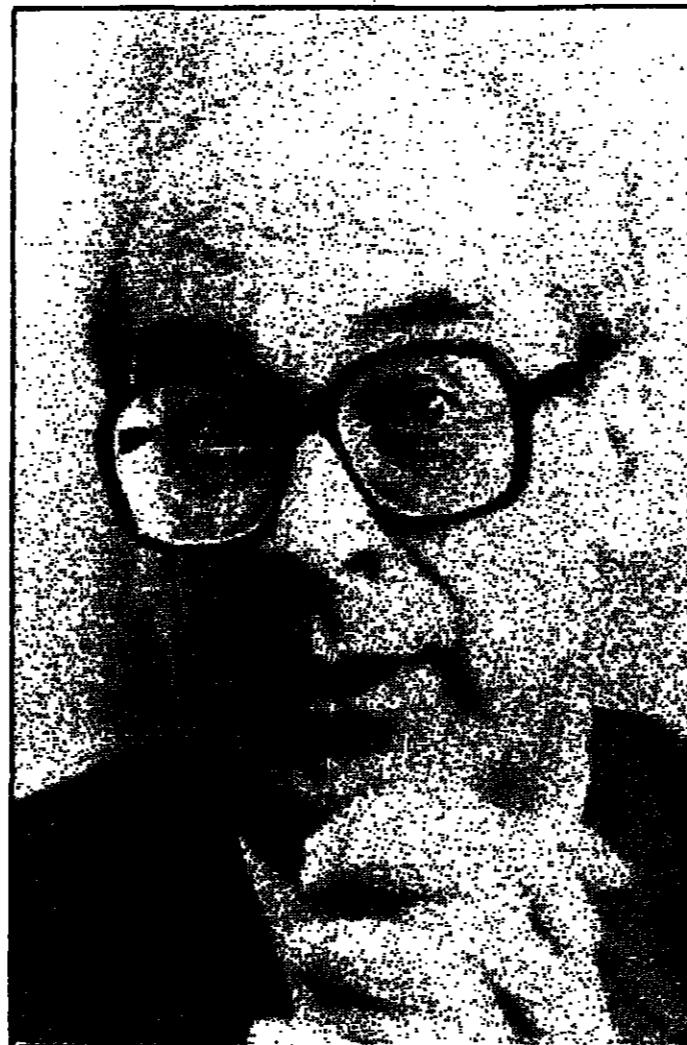
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Vorontsov addressing a news conference. (Reuter wirephoto)

Afghan-Pak war 'likely'

UN urged to intervene

KABUL, March 17. (Reuter): The Soviet Union's envoy in Kabul said yesterday the fighting in eastern Afghanistan showed signs of widening into a Pakistan-Afghanistan war.

And he called for immediate action by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to set up all-party talks to end the fighting.

"We see an intensification of the war in Afghanistan. We see a new aspect in the presence of Pakistani forces. We do not conceal from you that it looks like the beginning of a Pakistan-Afghanistan war," Soviet Ambassador and Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov told a news conference at the Soviet embassy.

Pakistan has always denied direct involvement in the current battle for the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad, but Vorontsov said: "The presence of foreign forces — Pakistani forces — is an established fact. I don't think you doubt it."

The ambassador, speaking fluent English, also denounced the role of the United States in arming and aiding the mujahideen guerrillas who have refused to negotiate with the government of President Najibullah and have so far spent 12 days trying to capture Jalalabad.

Meanwhile, Pakistan was harbouring, training and sending from its own territory not only the mujahideen but its own forces.

"We don't like the situation," Vorontsov added.

Asked what Moscow might do to prevent the spread of the conflict, he repeatedly declined to rule out renewed direct Soviet involvement.

Banker arrested

UK to detain Iranians

LONDON, March 17. (KUNA): British police and immigration officers have been authorised to start arresting next week known supporters of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards living in Britain, according to The Times newspaper here yesterday.

The paper said that the move is the second phase of action against Iranians since the death sentence imposed by Ayatollah Khomeini on Salman Rushdie, the author of *The Satanic Verses*.

The first nine to face deportation, all of whom worked at the Iranian embassy, were given until today to leave the country.

The second list of Iranians totalling about 30, will be given no warning of their impending departure, The Times added.

Meanwhile, another British newspaper, the Daily Express, said that "leading Iranian banker" was yesterday called to leave Britain in a security clampdown over the Rushdie crisis.

The deportation order followed the discovery of two forged passports during a police raid on Hussain Nafisi's luxury London flat.

Soviets mediating in South Yemen

BEIRUT, March 17: The Shura magazine published here this morning, said that the Soviet Union has been mediating between ex-President Ali Nasser Mohammad and the present regime in Aden, according to Al Seiyah.

The magazine said that the first accomplishments of this mediation was the release of 35 influential supporters of Ali Nas-

ser Mohammad.

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AI Mahdi accepts peace plan with rebels

KHARTOUM, March 17. (UPI): Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mardi, speaking just two days after a Muslim fundamentalist party withdrew from talks on the formation of a new government, declared yesterday his acceptance of a four-month-old plan for peace with rebels in southern Sudan.

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US backs League

Foes in Lebanon battle again

BEIRUT, March 17. (Agencies): Lebanon's rival Christian and Muslim forces, battling from strongpoints along the strategic Green Line, have edged closer to a military showdown for control of the war-ravaged country.

In the absence of any solution to a growing conflict, battles flared with artillery, mortars, rockets and machine-gun fire in Beirut and nearby mountains yesterday, wounding one woman. A ship was set on fire when some 17 shells hit Beirut port on the northern end of the Green Line.

Late in the day the two foes, barricaded on both sides of the eight km (five miles) Green Line battlefield, slicing Beirut into Christian and Muslim halves, still traded sporadic machine-gun fire, security sources said.

They said the mood among both sides remained that of war.

Fears of an all-out military confrontation were also dominant among civilians trapped between the two rival forces.

Security sources said the warring groups had moved more men and arms to their positions in the absence of any peace pact.

Residents said Syrian soldiers, part of a 25,000-strong force deployed in Lebanon since 1976, had withdrawn from several checkpoints in West Beirut as a precaution against fresh violence.

US Ambassador John McCarthy, who mediated an end to savage artillery duels between the two sides that killed some 50 people and wounded more than 140 on Tuesday, said the situation was "very dangerous and very difficult."

"Events in the country are moving increasingly into a chaotic situation," McCarthy said after meeting Major General Michel Aoun, head of a Christian military cabinet-vying for power with a Syrian-backed one led by Selim Al Hoss.

Support

The US has expressed its full support for the Arab League mediation efforts in Lebanon and urged the six-man committee under the chairmanship of Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed to continue with its efforts to bring about national reconciliation in that country.

"The fighting (this week) threatens to destroy the Arab League's peace initiative of Lebanon. The US actively supports this initiative and encourages the Arab League to continue its efforts. We call on the Lebanese and all other concerned parties to join in this support," said State Department spokesman Charles Redman.

He added: "The suffering of innocent Lebanese civilians has continued far too long and Lebanon's peace and stability must be restored."

He reiterated Washington's deep concern over the heavy exchange of shelling and consequent loss of life in Beirut.

The fighting illustrates yet again Lebanon's urgent need to escape the downward cycle of violence and political disintegration," the spokesman said.

Redman urged all sides to exercise restraint and to avoid civilian casualties at all costs.

Rushdie row escalating

BRUSSELS, March 17. (Reuter): Belgium's Interior Ministry has banned a public reading from Salman Rushdie's novel "The Satanic Verses," in a Brussels suburb with a large Muslim population.

Western delegations at a week-long meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Budapest rejected Iran's death threat against Salman Rushdie.

Muslim fundamentalists in Bangladesh called a six-hour general strike for Tuesday to back demands for the death of Salman Rushdie.

Meanwhile, Britain's Prince Charles will not play in a polo match in the United Arab Emirates today for security reasons and will not even attend the game, a spokesman with the royal party said.

Yunis criticises the US

WASHINGTON, March 17. (Agencies): A Lebanese militant convicted of leading the 1985 hijacking of a Royal Jordanian jet with two Americans aboard denied in an interview broadcast yesterday that he was a terrorist and he accused the United States of showing off in the unprecedented court case.

In convicting accused hijacker Fawaz Yunis on Tuesday, a federal jury handed the Justice Department a victory in its first prosecution of terrorism abroad.

In an interview on the television programme "CBS Nightwatch," Yunis criticised the government for bringing him to trial in the United States.

Klibi assured a third term

TUNIS, March 17. (Reuter): Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi is assured a third five-year mandate after League member states failed to put forward other candidates, Arab diplomats said today.

Tunisia, Klibi's country of nationality, nominated Klibi for a third term last Monday and so far the League has not received any other nominations, an Arab League spokesman said.

Anderson begins fifth year of captivity

WASHINGTON, March 17. (AP): As journalist Terry Anderson began his fifth year as a hostage in Lebanon, the US government called his detention a "criminal act" and relatives and colleagues around the world demanded his release.

"Enough is enough," Peggy Say, Anderson's sister, said yesterday at a ceremony attended by members of Congress, Anderson's colleagues and relatives of the hostages. Her brother, she said, is "tired of being caged like an animal."

"Our hearts cry out in protest" over Anderson's plight, said Louis D. Boccardi, president of the Associated Press, Anderson's employer.

Ruling party transforms

Democracy in Tunisia

TUNIS, March 17. (Reuter): Tunisia's ruling party has transformed itself ahead of elections, adapting to the challenge of a multi-party system after losing the monopoly it enjoyed under former President Habib Bourguiba.

The most dramatic innovation is the party's system of choosing its parliamentary candidates. Only 20 of 125 members of the old Chamber of Deputies (Parliament) survived the purge to stand again in the April 2 elections.

"The RCD (Reassemblment Constitutionnel Democratique) has managed to adapt, to change profoundly across the board. We have new men, new programmes and new ways of working," RCD secretary-general Abderrahim Zouari said.

"The party went back to the grassroots... in the past the decisions came from above and the candidates rarely came from the region. But people no longer wanted carpetbaggers from outside."

Zouari added: "I can say that in 98 per cent of cases the party respected the choice of the grassroots."

Under Bourguiba removed from power in November 1987 on grounds of senility, ministers and party bosses usually headed the party lists. This year only six ministers are standing in the 25 constituencies.

Bourguiba's successor, President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali, has even changed the name of the party, which for more than 30 years called itself the Destourian Socialist Party.

Tunisians are closely watching the elections, the first since Ben Ali came to power, to see if the government fulfills his pledge that they will be fair and honest.

Officials admit that the last two general elections under Bourguiba, in 1981 and 1986, although theoretically open to the opposition, were in fact extensively

KUWAIT...GULF

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fahd calls Amir

KUWAIT, March 17, (KUNA): Saudi monarch King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud yesterday made a telephone call to HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah and the two leaders discussed Arab and Gulf affairs of mutual concern, Radio Riyadh reported.

The broadcast, monitored here, said King Fahd also made similar phone contacts with Moroccan monarch King Hassan II and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Arab issues.

Islamic heritage

KUWAIT, March 17, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah will patronise the inauguration of the new headquarters of the Islamic Heritage Revival Society.

HH delegated Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Khaled Ahmed Al Jassar to attend the inaugural ceremony on his behalf.

The new headquarters is located in Qurtuba and will be officially opened tomorrow.

Handicapped week

KUWAIT, March 17, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah will patronise the Fourth National Week for the Handicapped and the Arab Day for the Handicapped which is organised by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour during March 18-24.

His Highness has delegated Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah to attend the opening ceremony on his behalf which will take place tomorrow at the Kuwait Society for the Handicapped.

UN dues paid up

UNITED NATIONS, March 17, (KUNA): Kuwait has fully paid up its dues to the UN regular budget, while the United States and some other industrial nations owe millions of dollars not only in current assessments but past dues as well, the UN Secretariat reported yesterday.

No other Arab Muslim country has fully paid up its assessed contributions, according to a document published by the secretariat.

While some countries are fully paid up, the majority still owe part of their 1989 contributions, and 65 of 159 member nations owe additional money from earlier years.

The UN was owed more than \$870 million by its member countries at the end of last month, according to the report, consisting of \$522 million in contributions to the 1989 regular budget and \$347 million from previous years.

Youth committee

KUWAIT, March 17, (KUNA): The Permanent Consultative Committee for Youth at the Amiri Diwan convened its first meeting yesterday, following its recent re-formation, under the chairmanship of Salem Marzouq Al Tuhaili, head of Consultative Research and Studies Apparatus.

Contracts signed

KUWAIT, March 17, (KUNA): State Minister for Housing Affairs and chairman of the Public Authority for Housing Nasser Abdulla Al Roudhan yesterday signed four contracts for designing, building and maintenance of 15 schools at Al Qurain Housing Project.

The KD18 million contracts, signed with local companies, would be carried out within the limits of one to two years.

Rashed returns

KUWAIT, March 17, (KUNA): State minister for cabinet affairs returned from Bahrain where he took part in the third meeting of heads of civil service central bodies in member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC).

Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed upon arrival said the meeting reviewed recommendations made by the preparatory meeting of undersecretaries which was held last June.

The meeting discussed a draft resolution on civil consultation system in civil service, he added.

Unprofessional practices

Construction sector adversely affected

THE construction sector in Kuwait is characterised by many "unprofessional practices" which explain the high profits amassed by contracting companies, and such unhealthy practices have adversely affected the reputation of this vital sector, reliable sources say.

A local engineer has said that many construction companies in Kuwait use the services of subcontractors to do jobs they themselves are not qualified to undertake.

Bad management

A large number of subcontractors generally leads to bad management of the project by the general contractor, and creates co-ordination problems. The main reason for erratic phases of construction is attributed to the lack of organisation in obtaining supply of construction materials.

A contractor has said, meanwhile, that a lack of

event which seeks to inform American university students and their faculty about the Arab world and increase their awareness of the role, organisation, and performance of the league and its member states.

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The Kuwaiti ambassador made these and other comments in a wide-ranging address on Wednesday to hundreds of university graduates and academics at the American University of Washington.

Sheikh Saud was the keynote speaker at the opening day of the model Arab League, a three-day

The decision taken by the Palestinians to go along the road

of peace, to recognise Israel's existence, and to renounce terrorism were major turning points in the region that have also resulted in the opening of the dialogue with the United States, he noted.

Dialogue

But Sheikh Saud noted the fact that so far this dialogue between the PLO and the US has been limited and he stressed the importance of having these official contacts start dealing with substantive issues quickly.

In his one-hour address, the Kuwaiti ambassador also discussed other developments pertaining to the Arab world but focused mainly on the Iran-Iraq war and the Lebanese conflict. He fielded a number of questions pertaining to these and other matters, including the question of negative stereotyping of the Arabs.

On the Lebanese conflict, the Kuwaiti diplomat told his American audience that Kuwait, which heads the Arab League

team negotiating an end to the conflict, is determined to pursue its efforts until a solution is found despite the setback of the last few days. "The situation cannot be allowed to continue as it is," he asserted.

But for the Arab League mission to succeed, Sheikh Saud said, "We must get the co-operation and assistance of the Lebanese themselves."

In response to one question, the ambassador stated the fact that the conflict between the Arabs and Israelis is not based on religion as it is often portrayed in the Western media. "Our conflict is not with Jews, but with Zionism," the ambassador explained. "It is an Arab-Israeli conflict and not a Muslim-Jewish conflict."

He also lashed out against the negative stereotyping of the Arabs in the Western media, asserting that there was no good reason for this especially that relations between the Arabs and the West were strong long before Israel came into existence.



Sheikh Nasser Al Sabah

Planning seminar concluded

Groom Kuwaitis: Awadi

COMPREHENSIVE planning reflecting political, economical, social, educational and religious fields constitute the core among a broad spectrum of specialisations addressed by the Ministry of Planning, according to a senior official.

Priority is accorded to grooming the Kuwaiti citizens on his responsibilities to the country, himself, his family, and his inter-relationship with his counterparts in his day to day activities, Dr Abdul Hadi Al Awadi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Planning said.

Speaking at a recently concluded seminar on development and planning, the official said: "Planning is not only a matter of concern of the Kuwaiti government, but also those of Kuwaiti citizens." A co-ordinated and integrated approach between government and citizens is an ideal formula for achieving optimum benefits, the official added.

The consensus among the numerous seminars held to determine solutions to planning problems, a combination of balancing the Kuwaiti population vis-a-vis expatriates, equation in the workforce and the importance of training and education should be given emphasis and treated with a high level of urgency, Awadi added.

Guidelines

Every committee delegated to develop these goals should present their plan in keeping with the general guidelines of the state, he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Fahd Al Rashed, Director-General of the Public Investment Authority said that Kuwait's economy is unique in the sense that it depends primarily on oil revenues.

Reserves

He added that during the debate at the panel that closed last week, it was stated that an increase in public spending would adversely affect the country's reserves.

Logistics indicated that in all probability, there will be a reduction in the per capita income to a level under KD3,500 from state incomes at the turn of this century. Individual government spending will amount to KD5,000.

Rashed said that the Kuwaiti economy is also negatively affected due to the imbalance in the Kuwaiti and expatriate population. If this imbalance is not rectified at an early date, the economic structure will deteriorate, he added.

Action

The official suggested two courses of action: One — to use funds that are available in the local market to import expatriate manpower with experience sufficient to produce local commodities and services at competitive prices which will increase the non-oil income of the state. However, he cautioned that his strategy could create political and social repercussions as cheap manpower also brings in the social problems for the state.

The other strategy is to focus on developing the role of the Kuwaiti population in the economic field through education and training. This strategy is more pragmatic in that it will solve the problem of the imbalance in population of the country by increasing dependence on national manpower, keeping funds within the state and reducing the dependence on foreign manpower, the official said.

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Two machine-guns and a large number of bullets were seized from the smugglers. The two surviving smugglers along with the arms and contraband have been referred to authorities for further investigations.

Cat grounds KAC flight

KUWAIT, March 17, (GNA): A KAC airliner was delayed for take-off from Cairo airport to Kuwait for six hours when a caged cat belonging to one of the passengers on board escaped and hid in the plane.

The pilot refused to fly the aircraft for fear the cat would damage highly sensitive equipment.

The plane took off only after security men managed to find the cat and return it to its owner.

Health minister leaves for Libya

KUWAIT, March 17, (KUNA): Public Health Minister Dr Abdul Razzaq Yousef Al Abdul Razzaq left here today for Libya to take part in the 14th session of Arab Health Minister's Council scheduled for March 20-23.

The session will be preceded by a two-day meeting of the council's executive bureau on March 18-19 to discuss several issues including means of promoting health services for Arab residents in the occupied Arab territories and efforts of fighting the fatal illness AIDS.

Meetings will also review topics related to provision of medicines in the Arab world and relations with the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Razzaq is accompanied by a delegation comprising Secretary-General of Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialities, Dr Abdallah Al Rifai, Public Health Minister's Assistant Undersecretary for General Health Affairs, Dr Ali Al Saif and other senior officials.

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Polish premier

WARSAW, March 17, (UPI): Poland's Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski today flew on an official visit to Iraq and Kuwait, the official news agency PAP said.

PAP gave no other details about Rakowski's visit.

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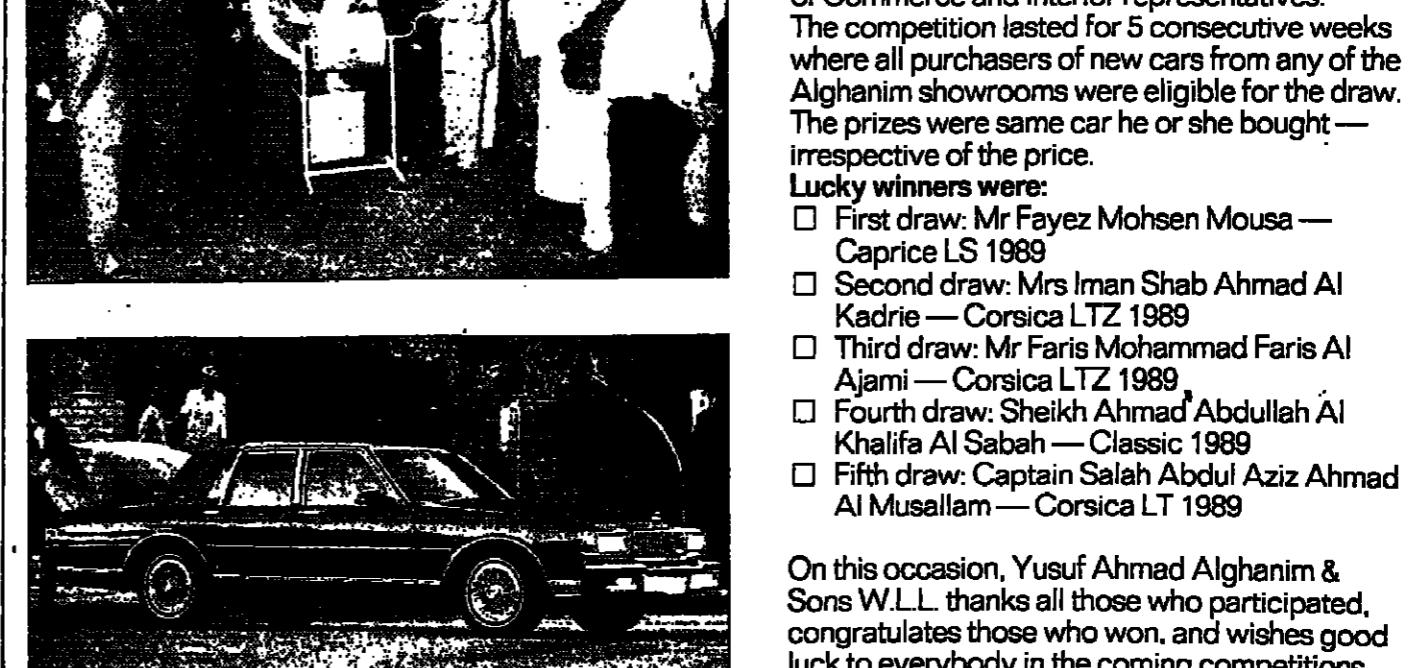
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EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES**Thought for today**

CUSTOMS may not be as wise as laws, but they are always more popular — Benjamin Disraeli, English statesman (1804-1881).

Under pressure

Ease revolt, Shamir told

By Howard Goller

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuter): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir faces growing pressure from a US administration eager for him to ease tensions in Israeli-occupied territories and offer new Middle East peace ideas.

Despite political gains at home that have bolstered his confidence, the 73-year-old Shamir is still reeling from the decision last December by the United States, Israel's best friend, to enter talks with the PLO, its worst foe.

Now the Americans say the Jewish state may itself one day have to talk to the PLO.

"What is there to discuss with the PLO? The weather?" asked Deputy Prime Minister David Levy of Shamir's hardline Likud Party.

Israel refuses talks with the PLO, regarding it as a terrorist group. Levy said negotiations would implicitly recognise the PLO's goal to create a Palestinian state which he said would threaten Israel's very existence.

Shamir visits Washington in April for the first time in the three months since new leaders took office in both Israel and the United States. He has promised to offer new ideas but aides refuse to call them a peace initiative.

His Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, on a visit this week to the United States, said he was pleased by his meetings with US leaders. But statements by American officials in Congress and the press embarrassed him.

Secretary of State James Baker told a congressional sub-committee that Israel might have to talk to the PLO if it failed to find negotiating partners in the territories, where Palestinians have staged a 15-month uprising.

Newspaper stories that greeted Arens on his arrival in Washington quoted unidentified State Department officials as saying the United States would ask Israel and the PLO simultaneously to ease tensions in the territories.

Under the US scheme, Israel would free jailed Palestinians and reopen schools while the Palestinians would halt violence in the occupied territories — the West Bank and Gaza — along with guerrilla raids from Lebanon.

Israel has been releasing prisoners and military sources say schools could reopen soon, but Israeli officials dismiss any suggestion that Washington is mediating between Israel and the PLO in what would amount to indirect negotiations.

"If it will have the smell of a deal with the PLO, maybe the prime minister might prefer to change nothing," suggested an Israeli official outside Shamir's inner circle.

The Americans are hoping that internal Israeli pressure will eventually force Shamir to make concessions.

Opinion polls say a majority of Israelis would talk to the PLO if it showed that it rejected terror and accepted Israel's right to exist — points that PLO leader Yasser Arafat has already voiced.

Israeli leftist members of parliament have recently attended conferences abroad with PLO leaders.

Vice-Prime Minister Shimon Peres of the Labour Party, Shamir's dovish partner in their unity government, said:

"If Palestinians say they identify with PLO ideas, that is all right. Do we censor their ideas? Do we forbid them from consulting whomever they like, or from thinking what they like? The only think we forbid them from doing is attacking us."

Yet Shamir is a shrewd political tactician, buoyed by Likud victories in national and recent local elections and an opinion poll showing his popularity on the rise.

Israeli political commentator Yossi Melman, writing in the Jerusalem Post newspaper, advised the US not to harbour illusions that Shamir would soften his hardline stance.

But Melman said Shamir, by ignoring extremes on the right and left, was successfully turning his right-wing party into a centrist, national political party that could one day prove to be a pragmatic and essentially moderate political force.

Press review**Punish the subversive elements**

KUWAIT, (KUNA): The daily Al Rai Al Aam expressed hope that those who were involved in subversive activities against the country would be punished and dealt with firmly to safeguard the country.

In a front-page editorial the paper said the Kuwaiti people were known for their solidarity and co-operation and that there is no place for hatred among them.

The paper added that despite their small population, the Kuwaitis had been an example of co-operation especially during ordeals and difficult times.

"Kuwait is a community of one family, where there is equality among all the citizens," the paper noted, and added in spite of all that there are few who have sold themselves to the devil and chosen the evil.

Regretfully, the paper concluded that the state has provided those criminals all means of prosperity and good jobs to be able to lead a high level of life, yet they were fooled by a number of weak-hearted.

Apply the law firmly

KUWAIT, (KUNA): Another Arabic daily also called for the application of law against those who attempted to undermine the country's peace and stability.

"When the language of dialogue came to an end to be replaced by other alternative means and when some plotters attempt to undermine the country's peace and stability, there is no means more deterrent than law," Al Watan daily wrote in a front page editorial.

Kuwaiti security authorities on Wednesday uncovered a criminal network against the country's stability led by a subversive movement. "He who holds a different opinion or a different political belief, has the right which was guaranteed by the law and by the constitution to do so and to express themselves through dialogue and not by any other means," Al Watan said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1554 — Britain's Princess Elizabeth is sent to Tower of London for suspected complicity in Sir Thomas Wyatt's rebellion.

1776 — George Washington's troops occupy Boston, Massachusetts, after evacuation of British in American revolutionary war.

1813 — Hamburg, Germany, is occupied by Russians following patriotic outbreak in city against French.

1848 — Revolution breaks out in Milan against Austrian rule, and Joseph Radetzky's forces abandon city.

1903 — French religious orders are dissolved.

1913 — Greece's King George I is assassinated in Salonika.

1922 — Mahatma Gandhi is sentenced to six years in prison in India for civil disobedience.

1962 — Ceasefire in Algerian war is signed by French and Algerian rebel delegations in Evian-les-Bains, France.

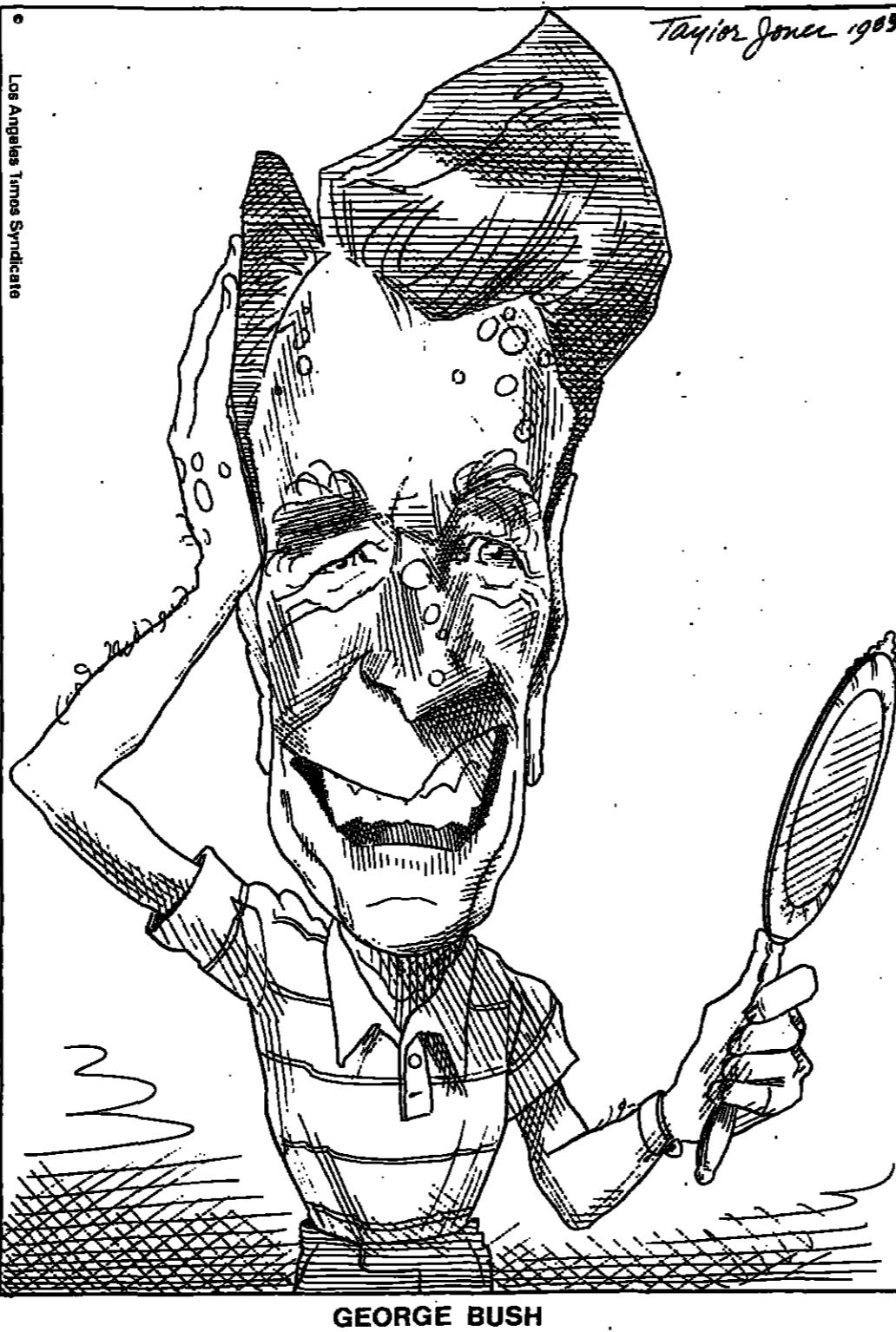
1965 — Egypt's exiled King Farouk dies in Rome; Soviet Air Force officer becomes first man to leave an orbiting spacecraft and float in space.

1967 — Soviet Union expels two Chinese diplomats from Moscow, charging them with anti-Soviet activity.

1969 — United States and Soviet Union propose international treaty to ban nuclear weapons from ocean floor.

1979 — Kampuchea's Prince Norodom Sihanouk is deposed as chief of state while he is on visit to Moscow.

1988 — Hundreds of Palestinian refugees clash with Israeli soldiers after Muslim prayers in Gaza Strip.



GEORGE BUSH

Concern over health of the world

Thatcher's political hue turns green

By Peter Gregson

LONDON, (Reuter): Margaret Thatcher's favourite colour is the royal blue of her ruling Conservative Party.

But lately Britain's prime minister has been wearing a green outfit in public appearances — a sartorial shift to match a change in her political hue as she embraces environmental issues that only months ago she ignored.

In her concern over the health of the world, Thatcher has attacked Brazil over the destruction of tropical rain forests, praised nuclear power as the cleanest way to generate electricity and hosted a London conference of 123 nations to deplore damage to the earth's protective ozone layer.

To match words with needs, this week's British budget cut tax on lead-free petrol — which causes less atmospheric pollution than regular petrol — to encourage much greater use by the ordinary motorist.

Admiring colleagues say the prime minister's sensitive political antennae are responding to growing public interest in and concern over green issues.

Scores of thousands of middle-class voters, the Conservative Party's bed-rock support, converged on London early this year protesting that plans for a rail link between the capital and the channel tunnel were an environmental disaster.

When the chosen route was unveiled in March, under thinly-disguised prodding from Thatcher it contained an extra £500 million (\$850 million) worth of tunnels and other safeguards to cushion the impact on the landscape.

In the words of an aide, Thatcher's recent speeches have all "been splashed with green."

At the annual Conservative Party conference in Brighton last October, she startled her audience by declaring: "No generation has a freehold on this earth. All we have is a life tenancy — with full repairing lease."

Thatcher developed that theme at the ozone conference in London this month, saying: "We must hand on the title deeds of life to our grandchildren and beyond."

Laughing Ligachev hones jovial image for world press

By Robert Evans

man that liberal Soviet intellectuals love to hate, honed an affable image for the world's press.

"I know they call Ligachev a conservative, sometimes even a reactionary," he declared, seemingly suppressing a chuckle.

And with a booming Siberian laugh, he turned to a buxom blonde Soviet journalist who had asked why there were no women in the top Kremlin leadership.

"We'll pass your complaint on to Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev," he assured her with a smile.

At his first-ever news conference in Moscow, the 68-year-old Ligachev, the

origins, than the dogmatic communist bureaucrat of recent legend.

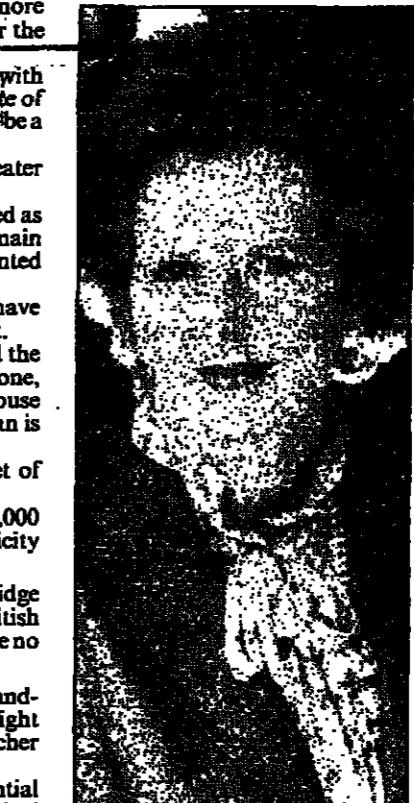
For strongly reformist writers and publicists, as well as long-time human rights champion Andrei Sakharov, Ligachev represents danger from the right to change in the Soviet system.

But in remarks dating back to October 1987 published just this week, Gorbachev himself described him as totally devoted to the "perestroika" reform programme.

"He would lay down his life for it," the Kremlin number one told a meeting that month of the Communist Party's policy-making central committee which had just heard an extraordinary attack on Ligachev.

Gorbachev's appearance on Thursday alongside Medvedev and Nikanov came in the wake of a two-day committee session on a reshaping of agriculture, his new field.

There had been some speculation that the long-postponed session could mark a final showdown between Gorbachev and his erstwhile deputy who in recent weeks had been making discordant comments on the way farm reforms should go.



Thatcher: response

Egypt's interior minister seen as Mubarak's strongman

By Jeffrey Bartholet

CAIRO, (Reuter): Egypt's Interior Minister Zaki Badr is renowned for his crude language and — his opponents say — his crude methods.

He makes no bones about his readiness to use emergency laws in force since President Anwar Sadat was assassinated by Muslim zealots in 1981.

Badr is widely viewed as the strongarm element of President Hosni Mubarak's carrot-and-stick policy of opening up Egyptian society without allowing freedom to slip into anti-government violence.

"The government is faced with threats ... Look at the millions in the streets of Cairo and the possibility of things getting out of hand," said Mohammed Sayed Ahmed, a prominent leftist.

"From the government's point of view, it needs somebody to remind those people there are limits," he said.

Badr's crude language — opposition newspapers sometimes signal expletives with blank spaces — has led one paper to dub him Zaki obscenities. Another calls him dark ages minister.

Bush backers worried
Deferral style

By Gene Gibbons

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): In a pep talk to government workers during his first days as President, George Bush's text contained the phrase "I'm honoured to lead you" but his actual words were a more modest: "I'm honoured to be with you."

The change may have been more significant than it seemed at the time. In the eight weeks since he became US leader, Bush has shown a tentative, deferential side that analysts say could be a drawback in the rough and tumble of presidential politics.

"What worries some of Bush's backers and is now beginning to worry nearly everyone is whether he has the toughness and the soundness of judgement to be an effective President," wrote syndicated political columnist Lou Cannon, a veteran White House correspondent.

An example of Bush's willingness to let subordinates take the lead was this week's decision by William Bennett, the administration's drug policy director, and Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to suspend imports of deadly assault weapons.

The move was spurred by a rising public clamour for curbs on AK-47s and other military firearms popular with drug dealers and increasingly a factor in violent crimes like last January's schoolyard massacre in Stockton, California.

It represented a major policy reversal, since the President told reporters less than a month ago he was not about to crack down on such weapons. The White House seemed to be surprised by the decision and aides said Bush's involvement was minimal.

Another much-noticed case of Bush's non-assertive style was his polite protest when the Chinese government barred a leading dissident from attending a banquet he hosted during his recent visit to Peking.

Bush waited until the next day to do something, and then merely expressed regret about the incident.

His restraint contrasted sharply with the stance taken by former President Reagan during a 1984 visit to Beijing. When Chinese authorities censored a speech he had recorded for local television, Reagan complained loudly and made a point of giving the speech in full during a stop in Shanghai.

Bush's "kinder, gentler" approach was again evident in the rancorous Senate fight over his nomination of John Tower to be defence secretary — a scrapendous with the President nursing an embarrassing defeat.

Asked during the Tower struggle if Bush was wooing wavering senators with promises of reward and threats of retribution — standard techniques of White House arm-twisting — an aide said: "That's not his style."

When the fight ended, Bush issued a statement that was free of recrimination, leaving it to Vice-President Dan Quayle to criticise the tactics of Tower's Democratic opponents.

Besides shunning confrontation, Bush has sometimes seemed to shun the limelight.

He let Labour Secretary Elizabeth Dole unveil a proposed increase in the US minimum wage — the first with any chance of congressional enactment in more than eight years.

And he had White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater announce the administration's first major legislative proposal — child care assistance for America's poor.

Cheney has much catching up to do

By Norman Black

WASHINGTON, (AP): Dick Cheney, the Wyoming congressman about to become secretary of defence, is tackling one of the most difficult management jobs in government with only an outsider's knowledge of modern weapons and with the extra weight of a late start.

"All the problems are compounded" for Cheney, says Caspar Weinberger, who served almost seven years in the job.

"Two months have gone by, a great many trains are leaving the station and they all have to be caught at once," Weinberger said in an interview Thursday.

"He's a fine choice and he will be very good. But he faces a very daunting task."

Other officials still inside the Pentagon, who asked not to be named, say it's possible for a congressman to jump into the huge military bureaucracy and shine.

For example, one source said, Melvin Laird did well in the Nixon administration. And Cheney, who like Laird held a leadership post among House Republicans, is not stranger to most of the big issues, the official added.

But Cheney is about to leap from running a Capitol Hill office with relatively few employees to becoming the boss of 3.1 million people. And he is doing so with little time to select key assistants and aides.

The first important job he'll face is trimming the fiscal 1990 budget. And he's never played that peculiar brand of Pentagon politics.

"Dick Cheney is about to walk into this job right when it's time to play referee among four services that are attacking each other in hopes of saving their own budget," said one official.

President Bush already has ordered the Pentagon to slash about \$6.4 billion from its fiscal 1990 budget proposal "and now it's dog-eat-cat time," the source said.

Weinberger recalled such military budget fights, saying:

"Everybody has recommendations of their own — their own hopes and needs — and there's never enough for everybody. It will be very, very tough" for Cheney.

To make matters worse, the congressman doesn't have the detailed military programme knowledge possessed by Bush's first choice for the job, John Tower.

Tower, a former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, was widely known for his exhaustive knowledge of such details. His personal life, however — including allegations of excessive drinking and questions about his financial relationships with military contractors — led to rejection of his nomination last week.

Cheney, by contrast, after being lauded for his honour and integrity, was approved 20-0 Thursday by the armed services committee and is expected to clear the full Senate without opposition.

One Pentagon official said anyone who sets his mind to it can learn what weapons the nation depends on, how



Record Producer

Gut-ripping high notes

DEATH may not have a sense of humour, but it certainly is the toastmaster of ironies.

The death of a pop culture figure almost always reshapes the historic perception of that person's work. Forgotten corners of career are suddenly thrust into the spotlight. Personality traits that held someone back during life are often forgotten after death. Minor works often take on major implications when filtered through nostalgia.

Once in a while death comes to a star at the moment of greatest potential triumph. Buddy Holly. Otis Redding. Duane Allman. John Lennon.

At those moments death offers its irony in the crudest form.

Now it's happened to Roy Orbison.

Had Roy Orbison died two years ago he would have been revered as a dramatically influential, if eccentric, hero of rock's first decade. Instead he died while the collaboration record with George Harrison, Bob Dylan, Tom Petty and Jeff Lynne, *The Travelling Wilburys Vol. 1*, was rocketing up the charts, and his own *Mystery Girl* was nearing completion.

Orbison had finished recording *Mystery Girl*, and was waiting for the final mastering and pressing of the record when he died.

Mystery Girl would have made Orbison one of the biggest stories of 1989 because the record

is a return to the spectacular form Orbison demonstrated during the period 1960-64 when he released a series of classic hit singles beginning with *Only The Lonely* and climaxing with *Oh, Pretty Woman*.

The sessions for this album, which includes active participation from Petty and co-producer Lynne, actually led to the Wilburys collaboration.

Lynne's *You Got It* manages to update Orbison's musical context while still working to his strengths. U2 adds further to the update by giving Orbison She's a Mystery to Me, and Roy shows his greatest interpretive abilities on Elvis Costello's *The Comedians*.

But the dramatic technically-lou ballads in *The Real World*, A Love So Beautiful and California Blue, all co-written by Orbison, are the real links to his fabled past. Orbison's genius has always been that his songs raised the level of pop melodrama from its terminally maudlin standard to statements of naked psychological terror.

The juxtaposition of impossible beauty and melody, sung with the operatic precision of those gut-ripping high notes, with the crushing reality of loss, especially poignant in the lyric to *In The Real World*, is the formula for greatness that Roy Orbison coined, then recaptured in the last moments of his existence.

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The album is experimental (at least by West Coast standards) because the gently throbbing synthesised backing is enlivened by unexpected rhythm patterns that make use of reggae and African styles, and vocals that shift from the bluesy and gutsy to the drifting and mesmeric, and are mixed in with African choral work recorded in Swaziland.

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One Man Woman is one of the best cuts on the album and the Judds build the intensity as the song progresses and their execution is flawless. Young Love, their current single, is another above average tune which is a



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The upbeat *Let Me Tell You About Love* is performed with real vigour and *Sleepless Night* is a work of beauty about lost love.

Other cuts include *Water of Love*, *River of Time*, *Cadillac Red*, *Guardian Angel*, and *Not My Baby*.

The duo experiments with a wide variety of styles, ranging from bluesy to folksy and the result is appealing.

Childs grew up in California and had a band called Toni And The Movers. She decided to move to London in search of "something more adventurous. A lot of the music I liked was here, with artists like Elvis Costello, and what was happening in America wasn't very exciting to me."

Deal

In 1980 she secured a deal from Island, who began paying her "a small wage — about £35 a week" as a potential songwriter, and that was enough to keep her in London for over four years. "I commandeered myself an empty office next to a studio, and was about recording and the whole technical revolution of drum machines and sampling."

She has achieved the transformation from unknown fan of London's global music scene to Grammy nominee by taking a trip back to California to show off all she had learned. She had recorded a set of demos (including *Don't Walk Away*) and went back to Los Angeles to check on the reaction.

It was ironic, considering the money that had been spent on her, that Island weren't even interested in acquiring her publishing ("they'd spent a lot, and they were probably bored with me by then.") A&M offered her a deal, and she was on the point of insisting that she be sent back to the UK to record when "I met David Ricketts, and forgot London, because he's a one-man band of the things I've been through and been attracted to."

Ricketts (of the duo David & David) was useful "because he can play bass and can understand a groove. I can decorate the top of the song, but can't make the top and bottom work together as a cohesive unit." With his help her songs were matched against easy-going synthesized backing and the global rhythm tracks — a mixture leading to inevitable comparisons with Peter Gabriel.

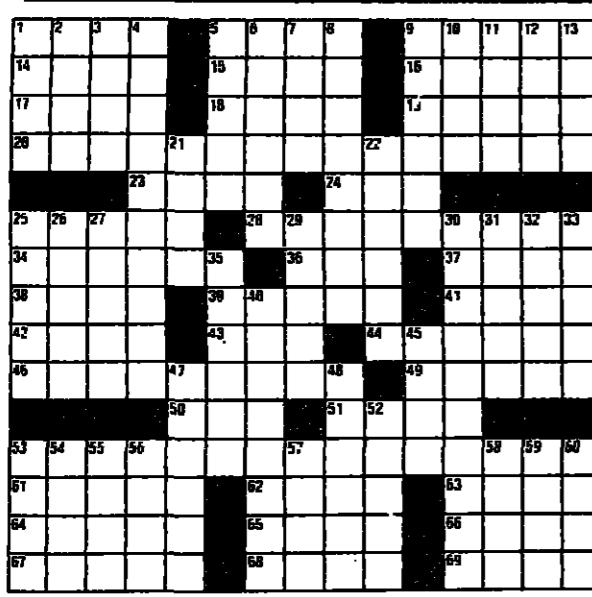
Even more adventurous, by Californian standards, was the decision to travel to Swaziland to record backing vocals, using a group from Zambia who were discovered playing in a strip club, and a local choir who came to the studio to sing "and I started crying because it was so beautiful."

When her current European tour ends she's going back to California, where "I'm considered an oddity, but things are starting to happen. A lot of people don't travel outside the US, and that gives them a limited point of view. But I love different cultures. When you get out of a place you've been born and raised you get a perspective on it. You can see where you've come from."



Wynonna and Naomi Judd

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Cheeky child
- 5 Actor Will of "The Waltons"
- 9 Moll's creator
- 14 Kansas city
- 15 Wagon part
- 16 Expert
- 17 Phenomenal business advance
- 18 Shade of blue
- 19 Corday's victim
- 20 Unyielding
- 23 Hops drier
- 24 Childrens' game
- 25 Former Zionist group
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- 37 Honshu city
- 38 Lenape Indians
- 39 Ice Shelf, Antarctica
- 41 Mild oath
- 42 Neck and neck
- 43 Imitate
- 44 Alice — Live
- 45 1974 film
- 46 Private conversation
- 49 Rugged mountain ridge
- 50 Col. s boss
- 51 Former D.C. nine
- 53 Uppity Greek physician-philosopher
- 62 I can't tell — College in New Rochelle, N.Y.
- 64 To one side
- 65 1492 caravel

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- 11 Analyze sentences
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- 15 Siblings' name
- 16 Accompaniment for a gypsy dance
- 17 Baseball
- 18 Tries hard
- 19 Impair
- 20 Netherlands export
- 21 Woody fiber used in making rope
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SUNDAY
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dennis The Menace: cartoon serial
6.30 The Animal Express
7.00 Scientific Eye: Hearing and Sound.
7.30 Just the Ten of Us: Move it or Lose It." Lubock moves to California and has to make a quick decision about his future.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Magnum: "The Great Hawaiian Ad." Magnum calls it quits and sets up an advertising agency. Starring: Tom Selleck

9.40 Dive to Adventure: documentary
10.00 What's Happening Now: "Rodger's Nightmare." Rodger's mother pays a visit to the family. Comedy.
10.30 Best-Seller: "A Dangerous Life." Set in the Philippines, this series is about the life and death of Benigno Aquino.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon serial.
6.15 Football: Al Kazem vs Al Jaha.
8.00 News in English
8.40 A Different World: Denise and her friends prepare for exams. Comedy. Starring: Lisa Bonet, Dawn Lewis, Marisa Tomei.
9.30 Equinox: "Planning with Fire."
10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "Driving Under the Influence." Thriller. A drunken driver hits and escapes and is later pursued by the victim.

10.30 French feature film: "Les Quarantines Rugsants." Part 2. Starring: Julie Christie, Francois Perreault.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

TUESDAY

3.00 Holy Quran
3.10 Cartoons
3.50 Ahmadi Football: Al Kuwait vs Al Qadsya
6.30 Break Point
7.00 A Finite World: "India." Part 2. The state of Kerala has the highest literacy rate in India. A look at life in Kerala; and the daily life of people in Bombay and Delhi.
8.00 News English
8.40 The Last Season: Part 2.
9.40 The Hit Squad: "Catch it before it catches you" is the theme of this practical jokes series.
10.10 Busting Loose: "First Day of Rest in His Life." Sunny is tired of house chores and decides to call it a day. Starring:

Larry Williams. Comedy.
10.30 The Equaliser: "Last Companion." McCall is involved in political intrigue in tonight's episode. Starring: Edward Woodward.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Voltoms: cartoon serial
6.30 Prestige: "Red-o-red and the Runaway." The story of an orphan girl who is ill-treated by her stepmother.

7.25 Mutual of Omaha: "Polar Bears."

7.50 You and the Law
8.00 News in English
8.55 The Law and Harry McGraw: "Waiting Game."

9.40 Hooperman: "Baby on Board." Hooperman's girlfriend is pregnant. Will they keep the baby?

10.10 Just for Laughs: Comedy.

10.30 Feature film: "The Resting Place." Starring: Richard Bradford, M. Emmet Walsh.

12.35 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

THURSDAY

3.00 Holy Quran

3.10 The Real Ghost Busters: cartoon serial.

3.50 Football: Al Arabi vs Al Jaha

6.30 Fairy Tale Theatre: "Thumbelina."

7.30 Face to Face: local talk show hosted by Ali Noor.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Miami Vice: "Blood and Roses."

9.40 Incredible Sunday

10.30 Late Night Movie: "I Will Fight No More Forever."

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

3.30 Holy Quran

3.40 Football: Al Qadsya vs Al Fahheel

4.40 Italian Football

5.40 American Basketball

7.30 Star Trek: The New Generation: "Symbiosis."

8.00 News in English

8.40 Break Away

8.55 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces this sports show on English League games.

9.40 Weekend: local programme

10.00 The Charming: "The Fish Story." Comedy.

10.30 The Challenges: episode 4. In 1983, Australia captured the Americas Cup, ending the 132 years winning streak. This series dramatises leading to the victory.

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WHAT'S ON**ARTS****Ghadir Gallery**

UNTIL March 19: Recent paintings by British water colour artist Patricia Millas will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Salhiya Complex, mezzanine, Gate 5, daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8.30 pm.

Sultan Gallery

AN exhibition of paintings by Bangladeshi artist Mourinur Islam is open at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Soor St., daily except Friday from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 8 pm.

Boushahri Gallery

GRAPHIC art by Bulgarian artists will go on show at 6 pm tonight at the gallery in Salhiya. It will be opened by Bulgarian Ambassador Angel Manichev. It will be open to the public from tomorrow, daily from 9 am to 12.30 noon and 4 to 8.30 pm, until March 28.

Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN Saturday - Wednesday, 4.30 - 5.30 pm only. Natural history exhibits from and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT. - Thurs.: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT. - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Sadu House

Saturday

SAT. - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts.

CINEMA**British Council**

March 18/19 (6.30 pm): A feature film Brazil will be shown at the British Council. When Sam Lowry first sees Jill Layton he does not realise the complications she will bring into his life. A spoof on George Orwell's 1984, this film won the Bafta Award. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

Japanese Movie

MARCH 29 (4-6 pm): A Japanese cartoon feature entitled "Future War" will be shown in Al Thuraya Room, 16th floor, Meridien Hotel. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Beat Concert

MARCH 31: Vishal Arts present a beat concert featuring Symphony and Perfect Strangers from 10 am at the Sharq Co-operative Hall. At 6 pm the group will present a variety show with Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi music and folk dances. For details call Anthony D'Souza or Arjun Gehi. Tel: 2631826 or 2663693.

THEATRE**Malayalam Drama**

APRIL 7: Gayathri Arts will present their first Malayalam drama "Karutha Paurnami" at 8.00 pm.

For details ring 5740256 or 18. Last date for registration is March 15.

MUSIC**Jukebox 5**

MARCH 18/22 (7 pm): Auditions for singers and dancers for the Sounds Great production of Jukebox 5 at Sunshine School, Salwa. The show will be produced by Ken Winston with June Woolston and Phil Thomas as musical directors. Nasri Hameed will choreograph the show. Dancers and singers must come prepared and bring dance gear and music with them. Performances will be on May 15 and 18. For details ring 5740256 or 18. Last date for registration is March 15.

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Volleyball Tournament

MARCH 31: The Kuwait Malayalee Association will hold a volleyball tournament for Indians in connection with the Nehru Centenary celebrations. For details call Prem - 4675622 ext 293 (7 am - 3 pm). Last date for registration is March 15.

ENTERTAINMENT

AL DAWLAH coffee shop: breakfast buffet, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch.

Marco Polo Restaurant: Italian food, live music by the Duonova band.

Loluwah Corner: open from 4 to 10 pm, offering snacks and refreshments.

HOTELS**At the Polkman**

ELYSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shalati Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

At the Kuwait Plaza

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ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1989

LONDON (LONDRA STOCKS)

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ABBEY LFE	327/0	328/0	327/0
ADT LTD	152/0	152/0	152/0
ALD LYONS	471/0	471/0	471/0
ANSTRAD	151.0	151.0	151.0
ARGYLL GP	171/0	171/0	171/0
ASDA GP	143.0	143.0	143.0
BAA	340/0	340/0	340/0
BTR	365.0	365.0	365.0
BAT IND	557/0	557/0	557/0
BARCLAYS	432/0	432/0	432/0
BASS	930/0	930/0	930/0
BEAVER	214/0	214/0	214/0
BEECHAMS	568.0	568.0	568.0
BERIFORD	153/0	153/0	153/0
BICE PLC	489/0	489/0	489/0
BLU ARR	93.0	93.0	93.0
BLU CIRC	534/0	534/0	534/0
BOC GP	497/0	497/0	497/0
BOOTS CO	264/0	264/0	264/0
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BR COMM	220/0	220/0	220/0
BR AIRWAY	197/4	197/4	197/4
BR AEROSP	548/0	548/0	548/0
BR GAS RG	178/0	178/0	178/0
BR LAND	349/0	349/0	349/0
B.P.	293.0	293.0	293.0
B.P. PP	186/0	186/0	186/0
BR STEEL	83/0	83/0	83/0
BR TELCOM	275/0	275/0	275/0
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BURTON	212.0	212.0	212.0
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THOMPS	343/0	343/0	343/0
CALOR GRP	382/0	382/0	382/0
CRILT CON	875/0	875/0	875/0
CRILT R.T.	895/0	895/0	895/0
COOKSONS	508/0	508/0	508/0
COURTALOID	296/0	296/0	296/0
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World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1705.5	1704.1	1754.3	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1204.7	1204.7	1208.6	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1095.79	95.79	1099.58	926.59
FT GOLD NN	194.2	194.2	194.6	161.9
FT MINES F	677.37	77.37	682.43	565.31
FT OIL	2020.4	2020.4	1984.1	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	143.29	143.14	142.73	139.21
FT WLD STG	123.99	123.49	122.46	115.30
FT WLD LOC	130.63	130.24	129.29	123.40

London Gold

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LONDON SHRS NEAR LOWS AS WALL STREET PLUNGES			
London, March 17, Reuter - Shares were near their lows on the day reacting to a plunge on Wall Street following sharply higher U.S. producer price data for February. Dealers said the PPI surge rekindled concern about U.S. inflation.			
One dealer here said, "If the figures prompt a U.S. interest rate rise British rates would have to rise to protect sterling." Others agreed, noting that a recent spate of interest rate hikes overseas were not matched by Britain.			
By 1601 GMT the FTSE 100 was down 43.5 points to 2,069.1, just above the day's low of 2,063.6.			</td

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

TOKYO: Japan will make efforts to help Mexico win new international loans under co-financing programmes of the IMF and the World Bank, a ministry spokesman said. (XEL 0941)

Amsterdam: An Inter-American Development Bank committee which yesterday agreed a major capital increase for the bank to finance a debate on conditional loans to specific sectors of Latin American economies. (ADB official said. XLEM 1016)

Warsaw: The World Bank may provide credits to Poland to assist it in implementing recently introduced reforms, a World Bank official was quoted as saying. (XLD 1324)

London: GMBS International Number 1 is issuing a 100 mn dir Eurobond due March 30, 1992 paying a coupon of 10-1/2 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct, lead manager Bankers Trust International said. (XLDW 0929)

Naples: CIR International, a unit of industrial holding firm Compagnie Industrielle Rhône SPA, is issuing a 100 billion lire bond due April 20, 1994. (XLFG 1131)

London: The European Investment Bank has increased the size of its nine pct 10-year Eurobond, issued two days ago, to 150 mn ECUs from 120 mn, lead manager Mitsubishi Finance International Ltd said. (XLGIC 1310)

Tokyo: The Export-Import Bank of Japan will sign today in London for a 250 mn Eurodollar 10-year bond guaranteed by the Japanese government with a 6.5 pct coupon, a Finance Ministry official said. (XLDH 0845)

Rome: The head of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation attacked economic policies imposed on Third World countries by international creditors, saying they exacerbated world hunger. (XLHG 1444)

Interest Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
ADM 12-13/16 3/4	13 12-15/16	13-1/8 1/16
FFT 5.80/85	6.15/25	6.50/60
PAR 8-5/16 7/16	8-7/16 9/16	8-7/8 9
ZUR 4-5/8 4-7/8	5-3/8 5-5/8	5-5/8 5-7/8
BRY 6.80	8.00 1/16	8-17/4 3/8
ROW 12-3/4 13-1/4	12-3/4 13-1/4	12-7/8 13-3/8
AMS 6.57/50	6.56/66	6.77/87
TOK FOUR 4.2/32	4.26/32 28/32	4.23/32 25/32
ECU 8.12 8.37	8.37 8.50	8.62 8.75

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-13/16	9-5/16
3 months	9-1/16	9-9/16
6 months	9-1/8	9-5/8
1 year	9-1/8	9-5/8

BOMBAY

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CEN ENKA	2680	2650	2680	GRASIM	101	100.50	101.50
CEN SPG	1710	1710	1740	1740	1755	152.50	153.75		
COLGATE	337.50	337.50	340	GUJ ALKL	--	--			
CRONT GR.	--	775	800	GUJ HEAVY	12	11.50	12.50		
DCH	10.50	9.50	10.50	HEBO HONDA	30.50	30	31		
DEEP FERT	35.75	35.50	35.50	HIND CIBA	950	950	950		
EI HOTELS	75	72	75	HIND COCOA	110.50	110	108.75		
ESCORTS	56	55	56	HIND LEVER	77.50	77.50	78		
ESKAYEF	63	63	63	HIND MOTOR	35.75	34.50	37.50		
HINDALCO	256	256	256	HINDALCO	256	256	263		
HINDRAY	22.50	21.50	21.85	HOECHST	710	700	710		
IND ORG	28	27	27.50	IND ORG	28	27.50	27.50		
IND SPL	--	--	--	IND SPL	--	--	--		
IND RAYON	85.50	84.20	84.50	IND RAYON	86.50	86	86		
INDROL	310.25	297.50	295	INDROL	310.25	297.50	295		
INGERSOLL	365	365	365	INGERSOLL	360	360	370		
GNFC	91.50	90.50	90.50	ITC	60	59	60		
NAT INDEX	349.69	349.81	349.81						

TELEGRAMS LIST

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STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	MITSUI CP	1550	1540
AJINOMOTO	2610	2590	MITSUI EL	1110	1110	
AKAI ELEC	695	698	MITSUI EST	2550	2580	
AKOI	1550	1440	MITSUI CO	1160	1170	
ASAHI GLS	2080	2100	MITSUKOSHI	2270	2290	
ASAHI OPT	875	875	MITSUMI EL	980	980	
BANK TOKYO	1670	1670	NICHICON	1260	1290	
BRIDGESTON	1380	1380	NIHON CHNT	1280	1270	
CANON	1530	1560	NIKKO SEC	1900	1980	
CASIO COMP	1380	1390	NIKU ELEC	1770	1800	
CHUGAI PH	1450	1470	NIP KOKAN	953	950	
CITIZEN W	956	951	NIP OIL	1700	1720	
D-ICHI KAN	3500	3500	NIP STEEL	958	944	
DAI NIP IK	884	875	NIP YUSEN	922	925	
DAI NIP PT	2310	2350	NIS MOTOR	1500	1480	
DAI NIP SC	970	968	NOHARA SEC	3490	3610	
DAI NIP TO	900	922	OBHA CO	961	960	
DAIPEX	905	915	O PLYMUS	1170	1190	
DAIPEX	1170	1190	O PENTACO	1640	1670	
DAIPEX	1190	1200	OPHI	1500	1530	
DAIPEX	1200	1200	OPHI	1500	1530	
DAIPEX	1200	1200	OPHI	1500	1530	
EISAI	1900	1950	RENOH	1160	1170	
FUJITSU	1460	1460	SONY	6800	6910	
FUJI BANK	3600	3610	SANKEI ELEC	909	891	
FUJI PHOTO	3650	3550	SEIYU ST	2050	2050	
FUJISAWA	1620	1600	SEKISUI PE	1810	1840	
FUJITA CP	1970	1950	SHARP	1250	1260	
HITACHI	1600	1600	SHISEIDO	1650	1650	
HONDA MOT	1920	1960	SONY	6800	6910	
KOECHE	178	180	SUNMI	1380	1390	
KOECHE AG	158	158	SUMITOMO	1380	1390	
KOECHE	206	206	TAISEI	1830	1830	
KOTEN	231.0	232.0	TAISHO HNR	1360	1400	
HUSSEL HLD	470.2	470.0	TAKEDA CH	2310	2320	
KALI SALZ	214.5	213.0	TEIJIN	826	831	
KARSTADT	427.0	425.0	TKO NEW IX	419.59	432.69	
KAUROFF	420.0	419.8	TOKIO MRN	2100	2170	
KLOECK-H	178	180	TOKYO ELEC	1340	1340	
KLOECK-W	158.0	158.0	TOKYO GAS	1100	1150	
LINDE	796.0	797.0	TOKYO POM	6550	6520	
LUFTHANSA	164.0	161.5	TOKYO IND	920	918	
MANNESMAN	229.0	227.5	TOSHIBA EL	1170	1200	
MERCEDES	530.0	529.0	TOTO	2060	2080	
METALLGES	405.5	402.0	TOYOKO KOGY	861	872	
NIXDORF PF	296.0	296.0	TOYOTA MOT	2510	2580	
NORK SYD	44.90	44.60	TOYOTA MOT	2510	2580	
PHILIP KOM	682.0	680.5	YAMAICHI	1890	1910	
POSCHE	720.0	719.0	YAMADA	3490	3500	
PREUSAG	249.0	250.0	YAMAZAKI	1400	1390	
PIMA	295.5	291.5	YAMAZAKI	1400	1390	
RHEINMETAL	457.0	454.0	YAMAZAKI	1400	1390	
RHE	245.9	248.5	YAMAZAKI	1400	1390	
RHE P	217.0	218.0	YAMAZAKI	1400	1390	
SLAMANDER	330.0	335.0	YAMAZAKI	1400	1390	
SCHERING	610.5	610.0	YAMAZAKI	1400	1390	
SEL	294.0	299.5	YAMAZAKI	1400	1390	
SIEMENS	534.4	534.0	YAMAZAKI	1400	1390	
THYSSEN	233.0	230.0	YAMAZAKI	1400	1390	
VARTA	351.0	349.0	YAMAZAKI	1400	1390	
VEB	290.0	289.8	YAMAZAKI	1400	1390	
VOLK						

BUSINESS

Jordan must earn its own living: Prince Hassan

AMMAN, March 17, (Reuters): Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan says his country, preparing to discuss financial assistance and debt rescheduling with the IMF, must start paying its own way.

Jordanian officials have said talks with an International Monetary Fund team due in Amman tomorrow will cover plans to ask for short-term credit and to seek International Monetary Fund (IMF) help in rescheduling at least part of the kingdom's \$6 billion foreign debt.

Prince Hassan told Reuters in an interview late on Wednesday that Jordan wanted the IMF, the World Bank and its creditors, in the industrialised world to appreciate its efforts to shift from developing its infrastructure towards production and exports.

Direction

"The past few months have not been easy. It has been a matter of applying the brakes and changing direction," said the prince, King Hussein's younger brother and heir to the throne.

"We need to start earning our living," he said, praising steps already taken to reduce the state budget deficit and boost exports. Since August the government has eased industrial licensing procedures, floated interest rates, devalued the dinar, banned luxury imports and cut back development projects.

"I would have preferred these measures to have taken a more gradual form over the past three years," the prince said.

"Unfortunately the Jordanian psyche is very much one of 'yes we recognise a crisis is looming, but big brother will bail us out, the Arab world will always be there to support us.'

Japan turns in best economic performance in 15 years

TOKYO, March 17, (Reuters): Japan turned in its best economic performance in 15 years in 1988 as the economy registered robust 5.7 per cent growth, the government said today.

Strong domestic demand powered the economy ahead last year as consumers and companies went on a spending spree, economic planning agency officials told reporters. In 1987, the economy grew 4.5 per cent.

"1988 was a good year," said Takao Akabane, the agency's vice-minister. "And it was achieved because of domestic demand led growth."

Growth

That is good news for Japan's partners, who have been pressing it to shift the engine of its economic growth away from exports toward domestic demand.

Despite the rapid growth last year, inflation remained subdued. As measured by the gross national product (GNP) deflator, inflation was a mere 0.4 per cent. In 1987, prices fell 0.2 per cent.

But the economy's performance in the final three months of 1988 was not stellar as it was earlier in the year.

The economy grew at an annualised clip of three per cent in the final quarter of 1988, after roaring ahead at a 9.5 per cent rate in the previous three months.

Iraq's power capacity rises

BAGHDAD, March 17, (OPECNA): In 1988, Iraq's power generation capacity reached 23.44 million watts per hour, representing an increase of 13 per cent over the earlier year, according to official figures released yesterday.

A statement by the Electricity Generation Department said the 1988 capacity was expected to register a further 15 per cent increase over the 1988 level due to growing demand for power.

The department noted that all power generation plants damaged during the war had been repaired, while work was underway to repair damaged electric cables.

The figures also showed that a total of 172 power transforming stations, along with 67 mobile units, were currently feeding the country's electricity network.

Jaguar profits halved in '88

LONDON, March 17, (Reuters): British luxury carmaker Jaguar averted a potentially damaging pay strike yesterday, the same day as it announced pre-tax profits fell 50 per cent last year.

The company's 9,000 manual workers voted by a large majority to accept a 10-per-cent wage package which gives them an extra £16 (\$27.5) a week spread over two years.

Union leaders were ready to call one-day strikes and a ban on overtime if the company's final offer had been rejected.

Jaguar said in its annual statement that profits tumbled to

Saudi Arabia, Jordan's main source of Arab funds, was giving Amman \$360 million a year until a 10-year Arab agreement to help states bordering Israel expired last year.

Prince Hassan, 41, engaged for the past two decades in supervising Jordan's development plans, said the country was now acting to put its economy on a sounder footing.

"...I feel the commercial donors and (industrialised) countries would regard Jordan not as just another debt-ridden country looking for assistance," he said.

Debt

"Yes, we have this overhang of foreign debt, but if we finally arrive at structural adjustment loans with these international economic groupings, we should do so as a country developing the policies and political will to evolve from a phase of dependency to one of self-reliance," he declared.

The government plans to spend 67 million dinars (\$124 million) on food subsidies this year to cushion the inflationary impact of the dinar devaluation, an official source said.

It will fund the subsidies mainly from an estimated 50 million dinar (\$93 million) accumulated from profits on sales of imported food and oil in previous years.

Aware that the IMF often ties financial assistance to a demand for the removal of subsidies, the Planning Ministry is drawing up proposals to replace them with programmes better targeted to reach lower-income groups, officials said.

Prince Hassan dismissed the idea that the IMF or the

World Bank might force Jordan to swallow unpleasant economic medicine.

"It's not a question of looking the IMF in the eye, but of a meeting of minds," he said. "We have found a great deal of openmindedness (on their part) and there is absolutely no question of stipulations or conditions."

Jordan faces repayments of \$1.2 billion on its civil and military debt this year, compared to \$930 million in 1988, officials say. The burden is due to swell next year.

The repayments bulge, expected to ease in 1991, has coincided with falling remittances from Jordanians working in Gulf, as well as the sharp drop in Arab aid.

Jordan refinanced its military debt to the United States in December. The same month it began delaying payments on some bilateral and other military debt, officials and diplomats said.

Loan

In February, plans to raise a syndicated loan of \$150 million collapsed when Amman rolled over principal payments on a similar loan taken in 1984 and made a late interest payment.

Six weeks ago the government closed all moneychangers and the Central Bank resumed fixing the dinar's exchange rate after it lost a third of its dollar value in less than four months.

While bankers welcomed the clampdown on money-changers blamed for the dinar's plight, they say the Central Bank's attempt to hold the dinar at 540 fils to the dollar has dried up supplies of foreign currency from abroad, leaving most banks short.



Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady (right) is greeted by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) on Wednesday. Brady testified before the committee about the effects of the savings and loans situation on the fiscal year 1990 budget. (Reuters wirephoto)

UK jobless rate falls to lowest level in 8 years

Earnings on the rise



Nigel Lawson

gly.

"Unemployment has dropped as far as it can go with current government policies. But on the government's own figures it is twice as high as when they took office," he told reporters.

Opposition Labour Party spokesman Michael Meacher said growth in new jobs had dropped alarmingly.

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Plan to issue credit cards

Gorbachev's farm reforms approved

MOSCOW, March 17, (UPI): The Communist Party Central Committee approved President Mikhail Gorbachev's sweeping agricultural reforms and promised to put more food on Soviet tables while cutting imports.

Among key actions approved yesterday by the 300-member Central Committee were a move toward substantial privatisation of state farms through leasing, greater monetary and material incentives for farmers, price reforms and the closure of the Gosagroprom, the "super ministry" that smothered the farming sector in red tape.

The Central Committee, the main legislative and administrative branch of the Communist Party, decided that a major goal of reform is to greatly reduce the Soviet Union's reliance on imported food and grain by the mid-1990s.

The 1988 harvest was a disappointment and Moscow will import about 36 million tons of

grain this year at a cost of several billion dollars.

Politburo members Vadim Medvedev and Yegor Ligachev, who is in charge of the special Politburo Commission for Agriculture, held a rare news conference to announce the Central Committee was virtually unanimous in endorsing Gorbachev's "radical" proposals to put

Ligachev, often identified as the leader of conservative party members opposed to such innovations as lease-holding and decentralisation of farming, said he agreed with Gorbachev, who in his opening address on Wednesday called the food situation critical.

"The food problem gets to the heart of every person in our society, to every city. It is not easing. It has been aggravated in many areas," Ligachev said.

He said the Central Committee agreed that urgent action is vital if the Soviet Union is to catch up with other developed

countries.

Ligachev then promised the proposed reorganisation will bring a feast to Soviet tables in a decade.

"There will be a feast on our street. We can solve the food problem with the collective labour of our people, of our society," Ligachev told reporters.

"We are not promising something that we cannot achieve. We are sure we can change the food situation for the better," Ligachev said.

The Soviet Union plans to issue its first credit cards in the next six months but Western bankers say a plastic money revolution looks a long way off.

The official Tass news agency said the cards would be distributed by the USSR Savings Bank to carefully selected, trustworthy customers in Moscow and four other cities as an experiment.

Military spending tops Iran budget

BAGHDAD, March 17, (Reuters): The main Iranian opposition group said yesterday it had obtained a copy of Iran's budget bill for 1989-90 which showed Tehran's priority was rebuilding the Army not the country.

The Baghdad-based Mujahideen-e-Khalq said the bill, now being debated by Parliament, showed the bulk of government spending would go on the military.

More than 346 billion rials (\$4.9 billion) had been set aside for the Defence Ministry and 256 billion rials (\$3.66 billion) for the Revolutionary Guards, the Majahedeen said in a statement.

It said these sums dwarfed the amounts set aside for civilian ministries such as Industry Ministry, which had been allocated 3.37 billion rials (\$48 million).

The Mujahideen said the budget for industry and agriculture showed clearly that the government was not serious about rebuilding the economy.

Indeed, as the regime's highest officials have openly declared in recent weeks, their first priority lies in the reconstruction of the armed forces and the regime's war of attrition.

The Mujahideen, whose forces fought alongside Iraq during part of the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, said it obtained a copy of the confidential budget bill from "sources within the clerical regime."

In a speech to business leaders that was defensive in tone, Bush said he and his subordinates were tackling such issues as the huge government deficit, illegal drugs, thirft industry insolvency and Third World debt.

These are serious challenges — ticking time bombs that we need to defuse without delay. And we're doing just that," he said in prepared remarks.

The speech was the first of two that Bush was to deliver during a 30-hour trip that will also take him to Colorado, where he will visit a new granddaughter.

Its theme of preparing the United States for the 21st century was aimed at rebutting criticism that his new team in Washington lacked vision or direction and was drifting without an agenda.

If the trend was found to have continued throughout last year, it would be the first annual rise since 1983, it said.

Increased costs for housing and transport were responsible for most of the rise, the review said.

UNCTAD welcomes Brady's new debt plan

GENEVA, March 17, (Reuters):

The UN body UNCTAD yesterday welcomed the Bush administration's new strategy to reduce Third World debt but said it should not replace new lending by such institutions as the World Bank.

But he welcomed the new willingness to look at reducing the debt of a wide range of countries.

"The genie has been let out of the bottle. Not only has discussion of debt reduction become respectable...but it has now become respectable and indeed necessary to discuss the role that governments in creditor countries might play in promoting that outcome," he said.

Burton Lawrence, debt specialist for the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), told a new conference here it was important such institutions continue to lend as before.

Proposal

"The funds from multilateral institutions that might be used to facilitate debt reduction would need to be additional to monies that individual countries could reasonably expect to receive from those institutions in the normal course of events," he said.

Lawrence had drawn up an

US administration moving on time bombs, says Bush

HOUSTON, March 17, (Reuters): President Bush, returning to his adopted home town for the first time as US leader, said yesterday his administration was moving to defuse economic and social "time bombs" threatening the country.

In a speech to business leaders that was defensive in tone, Bush said he and his subordinates were tackling such issues as the huge government deficit, illegal drugs, thirft industry insolvency and Third World debt.

He also mentioned the debt reduction plan for developing countries unveiled by Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady last week; his plan to shore up thrfts and protect their depositors and the efforts of William Bennett, his new drug policy chief, to stem the flood of narcotics.

Outlining what he described as "my agenda for a new American century," Bush said that preparing for the future not only meant solving problems but also strengthening education, protecting the environment and "taking a long-range look at the international landscape" to ensure that the country remained free, prosperous and at peace.

"In this kind of work, more is going on than meets the eye — or makes the headlines," Bush declared. "The proof will come when we look back from the year 2000."

Turkey to give \$500m credit to Moscow

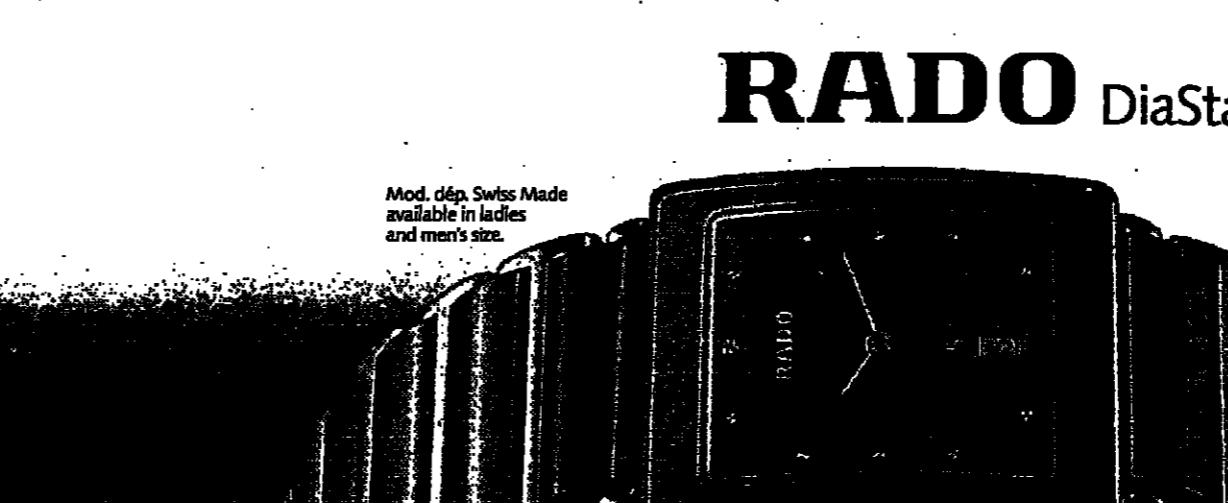
ISTANBUL, March 17, (Reuters): Turkey will lend the Soviet Union half a billion dollars to encourage Soviet importers to buy Turkish goods such as shoes and textiles and to finance construction projects by Turkish companies.

Officials of Turkey's Export Credit Bank (Eximbank) said today the \$500 million export finance credit will help correct the trade imbalance currently in Moscow's favour.

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KIO to retain stake in Cartera Central

MADRID, March 17, (KUNA): Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) here has decided to retain its stake in Cartera Central which stands at 48.8 per cent of its investments company's shares.

The decision was made last night following Cartera Central's board of directors meeting which was attended by KIO Deputy Director Fuad Jafar and its partner Javier de la Rosa and representative of Construcciones Contratas Company that owns 49 per cent of Cartera Central's shares.

KIO had 10 days ago announced its intention to sell its Cartera's stake for \$365 million. The announcement came following failure of merging two of top Spanish banks, Banco Central and Banesto, where Cartera owns 13 per cent of Banco Central shares and two per cent in Banesto.

Fokker group expects biggest Dutch order

AMSTERDAM, March 17, (Reuters):

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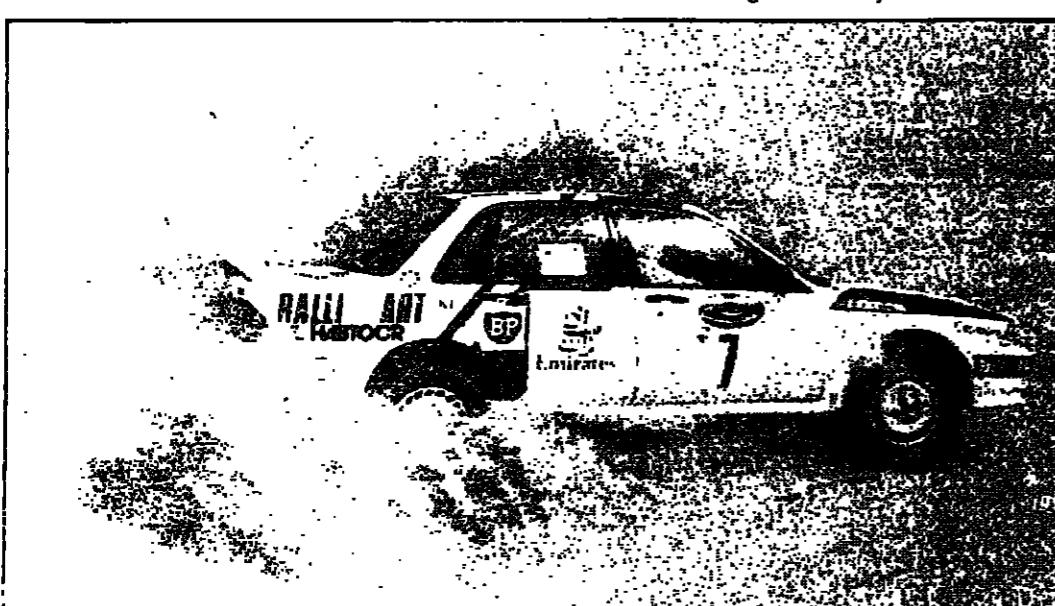
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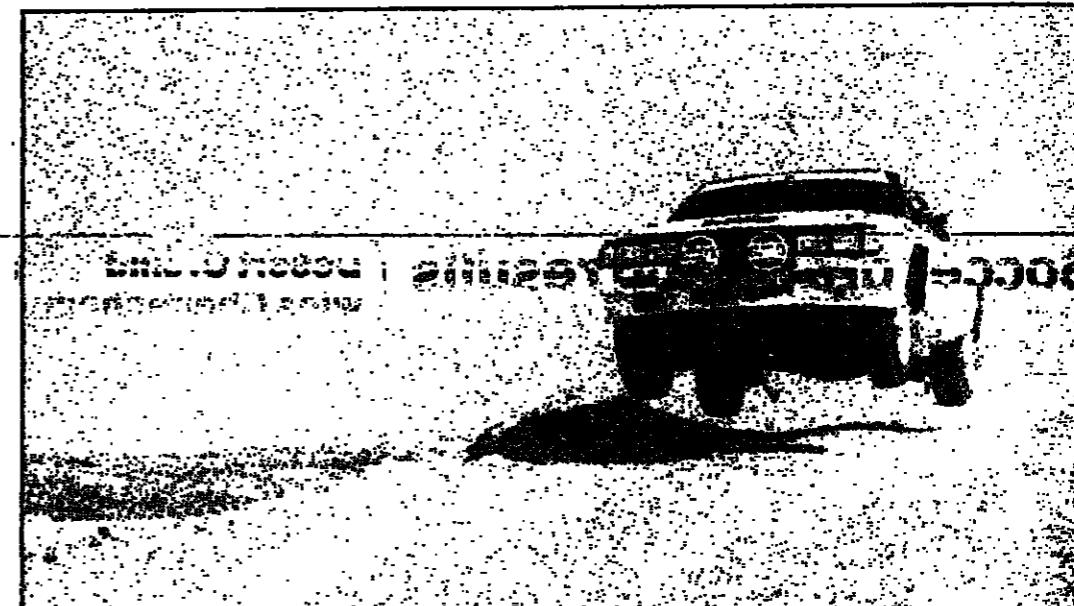
Co-drivers and team managers: waiting for an answer



Bin Sulayem talks to Nigel Meneghan, press officer.



Chief Marshal Jacques Lombardo finds an unusual way to stop a truck entering an open stage.



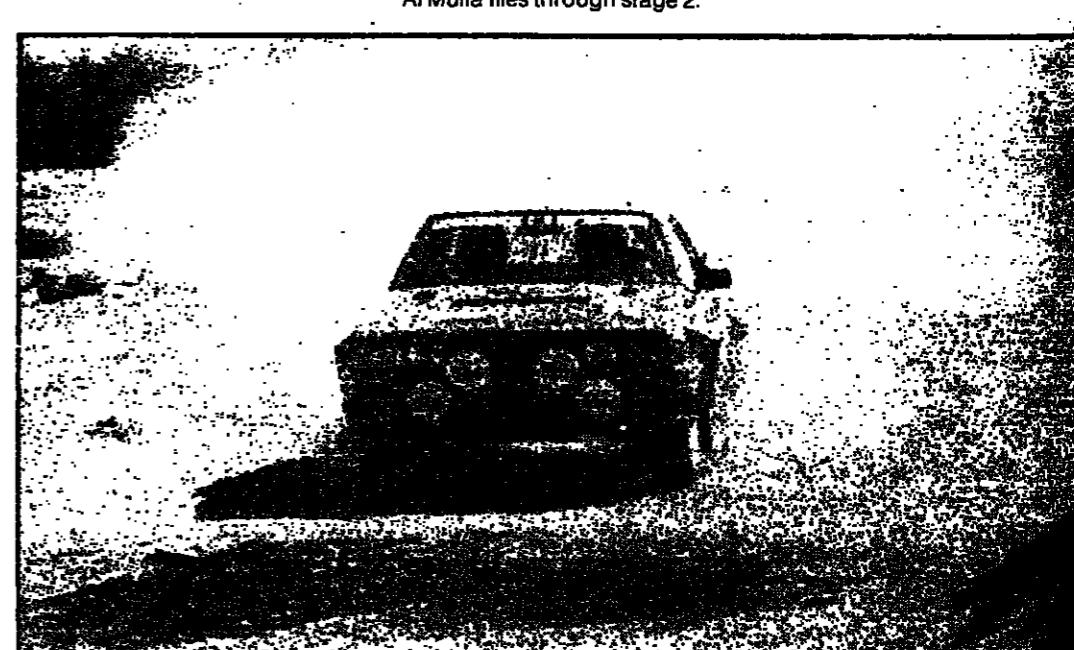
Al Mulla flies through stage 2.



Al Wazzan and Khalifa making up time



Eid Falah: a well-deserved result



Ottmar Lange: a very short rally



Tragedy for Wazzan, pushing his car through the boards.



Al Hajri: traction problems slowed him



The drivers wait for the rally to start.

Photos by Mark Williams, Gail Seery and Ahmed Burini.

Arab Times

Al Hajri reaches second

Bin Sulayem drives to victory in Kuwait rally

By Gail Seery
Arab Times staff

Mohammed Bin Sulayem of Dubai and his Irish co-driver Ronan Morgan sped home to victory in yesterday's Kuwait International Rally, approximately one minute and 27 seconds ahead of his Qatari rival Saeed Al Hajri. Sulayem was driving the Winston Toyota Celica GT-4, and encountered few problems with his car. Al Hajri's main problem lay in traction — in places the going was very soft, and Sulayem's 4wd car had the advantage.

"We expected this before we came," Saeed Al Hajri told the Arab Times. "Actually I was expecting a bigger difference, and only one and a half minutes is good. I'm really happy with the car." Hajri was partnered by Steve Bond in the Rothmans Ford Sierra Cosworth, which was supported by David Sutton.

Fight

The Rothmans team had to change a clutch and shortly before entering parc ferme at the end of leg 1 they also changed a differential as a precautionary measure. There was also one puncture, but apart from that it was an uneventful rally and a good clean fight between the two long-term rivals.

Third place was snatched by Sultan Al Sowaidi and David Orrick of Qatar for the second year running. Sowaidi was driving Bin Sulayem's practice car, the Toyota Celica Twinamic Turbo, and showed considerable prowess as driver during the two-day event.

Eid Falah Al Farzani drove the most outstanding event of his career, coming home in fourth place overall, and as always, Idris Ashkanani was at his side in the Zayed Range Rover. This driver clinches the Kuwait championship with this result and must be congratulated for his performance. He has driven an excellent season in a comparatively heavy and cumbersome car, and has proven that he is a driver to be reckoned with for future.

Fifth place was taken by Ali Al Shami in the seemingly indestructible Daihatsu Charade, a



Bin Sulayem pushing for a win.



Al Hajri happy with his car

much deserved result for this consistent driver. Shami is partnered by Mohammed Al Zaid.

Unfortunately complete timings were not available at the time of going to press, and the above results are based on the co-driver's timings. The club encountered severe problems with getting the times out, and they were still unavailable at the time of going to press.

Significant

Mohammed Bin Sulayem told the Arab Times, "We had no significant problems. We changed the left arm because we thought it was bent, but apart from that there was nothing. The handling on this car was very good, and everything was OK."

Ronan Morgan has now been the winning navigator for three years in a row, once with Hajri and twice with Sulayem. "I enjoyed it immensely. We had a good straight clean fight. There were one or two problems, but no matter what rally you do it is never 100 per cent perfect. For their experience the organisers coped very well."

David Orrick of Britain, co-driver to Sultan Al Sowaidi said, "We had a very good rally. We thought that when the gearbox played up on the first leg that we had finished — it wouldn't have gone another stage. The hero of the rally for me is Jaber Al Marni, he got from the end of Special Stage 4, to the Toyota garage and

brought a replacement gearbox in time for us to change it — he kept us in the rally."

"Our other main problem was one wrong slot, which was my fault — we'd tested in the sandstorm, and we lost around one minute and 30 seconds trying to get back to the route."

"Sultan has driven a very controlled rally, and I think he has justified the faith Toyota Team Middle East has in him. I've co-driven for him for 18 months now and as a driver, he's matured considerably."

Safety
"It was a short rally, with some little problems, but the decisions were taken for safety considerations. Whenever there was a problem the organisers cancelled the stage, or delayed it until it could be sorted out. If they weren't experienced, at least they showed that they are sensible and mature enough for the job. This shows a discipline coming into Middle East rallying."

"We saw an excellent fight between Saeed and Mohammed, and it is important that there were no serious incidents and that the two teams are able to speak to each other again — it can only do the sport good."

The problems referred to had involved confusion over one passage control in Stage 1 which resulted in the stage being cancelled, and Stage 3 being cancelled for security reasons.

A number of the drivers expec-

tated to perform well here hit disaster. The earliest was Ottmar Lange who lost his oil filter near the end of Stage 1, after having set what looked to have been a very fast time indeed on that stage. His rally hopes were finished quickly with a very small problem.

Perhaps the most frustrated competitor at the end of the day was Tareq Al Wazzan. On the first leg he had suffered continual overheating problems, and broken fan belts. This had slowed him and he had driven cautiously. On the second day he had been able to drive faster, and had pulled back a good deal of time from Eid Falah. However, within two hundred metres of the flying finish boards his car stopped with an electrical failure. Even though he and Khaled Khalifa, his co-driver pushed it through the finish boards he could not continue, and was out of the rally, dashing both his hopes for the event and for the championship.

Frustration
Another frustrated competitor was Abbas Al Mousawi. He lost the rally in the penultimate stage when he broke a hub, and although this was repaired he was out of time.

Mousawi was running at the back of the pack despite some speedy driving the day before, because of a 30 minute penalty, which was likely to have been protested.

with his clutch — the last six stages were driven with this problem. Nevertheless he had managed to finish the rally.

One driver for whom finishing does not seem to be a problem is Tareq Al Alyan. "We broke a spring, but there were no other problems. It went very well today," he said.

Amjad Quttaineh, who navigates for Hossam Al Sayafe also managed to finish the rally, in a car he described as "not 100 per cent." This is his first event in the driving seat for a number of years, but he had enjoyed it.

Mumtaz Shah also finished — against the odds, and he showed true determination by doing so. After a large jump he badly damaged the chassis and suspension and the gear mountings were out. At regrouping before the final loop he said, "I will finish," and did so.

Other good showings were put in by local drivers Nasser Mousalem and Younis Ali, and these drivers clearly have the potential to better these results in future.

Serious

It was a rally which hit problems, one of the most serious of which was the failure to get out correct times after the rally — not just to assist the press, but in order for the drivers to know what position they finished in. Those concerned should sit down and analyse what went wrong with the rally, so that we can improve for the future. On the other hand there were also very strong points which deserved commendation, and it is only fair to say that the organising committee were desperately short of help and worked tremendously hard. The rally cannot be judged an unqualified success, but nor was it a total failure.

Of the thirty-nine drivers who set out, only 19 made it back to the final parc ferme. Arab Times will publish the full results tomorrow, but these are the top four placings, according to the co-drivers.

1. Bin Sulayem/Morgan — Toyota Celica GT4 — 1:27:03.
2. Al Hajri/Bond — Ford Sierra RS Cosworth — 1:28:28.
3. Sowaidi/Orrick — Toyota Celica Turbo — 1:49:30.
4. Falah/Ashkanani — Range Rover — 1:53:51.

Soccer draws and results

GENEVA, March 17. (Reuters) — Semifinal draws of the European Football Union (UEFA) club competitions today.

In UEFA Cup: Napoli (Italy) — Bayern Munich (West Germany); Stuttgart (West Germany) v Dynamo Dresden (East Germany). Winner of Napoli-Bayern Munich will be at home in the first leg of the final on May 7. The second leg will be on May 14.

In Cup Winners' Cup: Barcelona (Spain) v Sredets Sofia (Bulgaria); Mechelen (Belgium) — Sampdoria (Italy).

In Champions' Cup: Steaua Bucharest (Romania) v Galatasaray (Turkey); Real Madrid (Spain) v AC Milan (Italy). Semifinal matches in all three competitions to be played over two legs on April 5 and 19.

In Cup Sociedad Cup: VFB Stuttgart (West Germany) 1-0 after extra time (half time 1-0, 90 minutes 1-0) in their UEFA Cup quarterfinal second leg soccer match yesterday. Scorer: Jesus Amoro (17th minute). Aggregate 1-1. VFB Stuttgart on 4-2 on penalties.

In Champions' Cup: AC Milan, Italy 1; Werder Bremen, West Germany 0 (agg. 1-0); Galatasaray, Turkey 1; Monaco, France 1 (2-1); Real Madrid, Spain 2; PSV Eindhoven, holder, Holland 1, after extra time (3-2).

Steaua Bucharest, Romania 5; FK Gothenburg, Sweden 1 (5-2).

In Cup Winners' Cup: Barcelona, Spain 0; Aarhus, Denmark 0 (1-0); KV Mechelen, hol-

der, Belgium 1; Eintracht Frankfurt, West Germany, 0 (1-0); Roda JC Kerkrade, Holland 2; Sredets, Bulgaria 1, after extra time, (3-3) Sredets wins 4-3 on penalties.

Sampdoria, Italy, Dinamo Bucharest, Romania 0 (1-1). Sampdoria wins on away goals.

In UEFA Cup: Bayern Munich, West Germany 2; Heart of Midlothian, Scotland 0 (2-1); Dynamo Dresden, East Germany 4; Victoria, Bucharest, Romania 0 (5-1); Napoli, Italy 3; Juventus, Italy 0, after extra time (3-2); Real Sociedad, Spain 1; Stuttgart, West Germany, 0 (1-1); Stuttgart wins 4-2 on penalties.

In Africa's Champions Cup, Egypt's Zamalek beat Sudan's Mawarada 2-1 (halftime 0-1) today in a first leg, first round soccermatch.

In Jeddah, Saudi Arabia beat Syria 5-4 (halftime 2-1) in a World Cup West Asian Group Two soccer qualifier on Wednesday.

Group Two standings (tabled under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

S. Arabia	1	1	0	0	5	4	2
Syria	2	1	0	1	5	2	1
North Yemen	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

Remaining matches: March 20 North Yemen v Saudi Arabia, March 25 Syria v North Yemen, March 30 Syria v Saudi Arabia, April 5 Saudi Arabia v North Yemen.

Meanwhile, in Cologne, West Germany, four cars were set on fire and blew up near a stadium.

Desert Orchid wins Cheltenham Gold Cup

CHELTCNHAM, England, March 17. (Reuters) — Desert Orchid proved himself in the class of the great arks yesterday when he won jump-racing's most prestigious prize, the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Dessie, as he is widely and affectionately known, started 5-2 favourite and won by one and a half lengths from 25-1 outsider Yahoo with last year's charter party (14-1) another eight lengths in third place.

It was an historic performance in appalling conditions, the ground made very heavy by over 10 hours of continuous rain and snow.

The horse's owner, film script writer Richard Burridge, not keen to overtax Dessie on ground he does not like, must have considered withdrawing him.

But trainer David Elsworth, who had said earlier this month Dessie would race "come hell or high water", walked the course before the race and his view prevailed.

Winning jockey Simon Sherwood said afterwards: "He hated every minute of it. He hated the ground but he just dug very deep. I was very worried when the rain came."

Dessie returned to a hero's welcome, the cheers ringing out very loud and very long among the record, emotion-charged 40,000 crowd shivering in the cold.

DUBAI, March 17: The powerful Victory team lived up to its name by clinching the top three Class A places in yesterday's Emirates Dubai Offshore Powerboat Race, the richest event of its kind in the world which had Dh1.5 million in prizes at stake.

With 50 of the original 83 starters limping out of the 75 nautical-mile race, it was left to Americans Howard Richard and Alan Wagner to romp home in their 24-foot catamaran, in one hour, 11 minutes and six seconds.

Swiftly

They were swiftly joined at the finish line by two more catamarans from the nine-strong Victory team — crewed by Dubai brothers Suhaib Al Maktoum and Jamal Maktoum, and Saeed Bin Khalifa and Hasher Bin Khalifa.

Driver Howard Richard said after the race: "Our plan was to go all out on the first two laps to build up a lead for the third lap which took us further out into rough seas."

"But we were in the lead at the end of the second lap, and after that we were on our own. We only needed to be on half or three-quarter throttle during the last lap."

Kuwait's Mishal Al Jarallah piloting a Merit Cougar craft finished fifth in today's race on but said he was delighted with his performance in the world's richest such event.

Mishal, whose throttle man

Results

Group A
1. Howard Richard and Alan Wagner (United States) — 1:11:06
2. Suhaib Khalifa and Jamal Khalifa Al Maktoum (Dubai) — 1:11:35

3. Hasher Khalifa and Saeed Khalifa Al Maktoum — 1:12:16
4. Khalid Bakheet and Michael Wanner (Dubai) — 1:15:18

5. Mishal Al Jarallah (Kuwait) and Ananda Fernando (Sri Lanka-Merit Team) — 1:17:06

Group B

1. Notes Menian (Cyprus) and Mazen Itamay (Lebanon) — 1:15:08

2. Ibrahim Sinaki and Salem I. Salem (Sharjah) — 1:17:08

3. John Allan and Hamad Buhalib 1:17:15

4. Jemimah Almairy and Abdulla Mubarak (Dubai) — 1:21:25

5. Hamad Al Shaly and Tariq Al Shiyali (Ajman) — 1:23:16

Little League in Harlem

NEW YORK, March 17. (AP) — It has been a long off-season for Little League in Harlem, a predominantly black area in Upper Manhattan, where the crack of the bat has given way to crack — a form of cocaine.

For two decades, organised baseball for young boys and girls has been absent from America's most famous locus of black life. But all that is expected to change April 8, with an opening day

parade to a city park for four games played on two ballfields.

Raiford's organization already has its charter from the Williamsport, Pennsylvania-based Little League Baseball Inc., which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with 7,000 leagues worldwide and 2.5 million youths.

In Harlem, one of every 100 children is hospitalised with a serious injury each year.

Rothmans 100's

The longer length cigarette

SPORTS

India's win hopes crushed by young West Indians

BASSETERRE, St Kitts, March 17, (Reuter): India's search for a first victory on their Caribbean tour was undermined by a stubborn partnership between West Indies Under-23s captain Brian Lara and Sudesh Dhaniram on Wednesday.

At the close of the second day of the three-day match the third-wicket pair had put on 94 and the match appeared headed for a draw. The Under-23s were 194 for two in reply to the tourists' 411 for six declared.

Dhaniram anchored the innings, scoring an unbeaten 61 from 165 balls with six boundaries and a six while left-hander Lara, 19, played some exquisite shots and hit eight fours in his 59 not out.

Sanjeev Sharma and Robin Singh had found it hard to contain flamboyant Jamaican Delroy Morgan who had driven seven fours in his 39 from only 35 balls when he played on to Sanjeev in the ninth over with the score at 44.

Dawlyn Joseph hit five boundaries in his 31 out of a 56-run stand with Dhaniram in one hour before being dismissed by Arshad Ayub.

The Indians had opted to give their late middle order some bat practice in the morning although few strokes of an attacking nature were played as 86 runs were added in 30 overs for the loss of two wickets.

Sanjay Manjrekar added just nine to his overnight 100 before leg-spinner Rajindra Dhamraj claimed his only wicket of the innings when full toss was hit straight to mid-off.

But Manjrekar's 109 scored over four-and-a-half hours off 220 balls may lead to his inclusion in the side for the fourth One-day International tomorrow.

Resuming at 325 for four, the touring team moved on to 411 for six before decimating at lunch.

Manjrekar's fine innings was ended in the fifth over of the day. Having struck two boundaries off leg-spinner Rajindra Dhamraj, Manjrekar drilled a full toss from the same bowler straight to mid-off where Nehemiah Perry held a good catch.

Seamer Keith Benjamin picked up the only other wicket of the session when he had reserve wicketkeeper Syed Karim, playing his first innings of the tour, brilliantly caught in the gully by Sudesh Dhaniram for 16.

After being missed at slip without having added to his overnight four, Robin Singh batted through the morning to finish 37 not out.

Meanwhile, India already 3-0 down in the five-match series, were expected to make two changes in their side for the fourth One-day Cricket International against West Indies in Antigua tomorrow.

They have brought in Arshad Ayub in place of leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani from the team beaten by six wickets in Port-of-Spain in the third match. Batsman Robin Singh is also expected to be omitted from the final line-up.

Singh was included in the squad of 13 named by team manager Srinivas Venkataraghavan yesterday but is likely to lose his place to Sanjay Manjrekar, the 23-year-old who made 109 against West Indies Under-23 team in their drawn match here.

Indian squad: Krishnamachari Srikkanth, Navjot Sidhu, Dilip Vengsarkar (captain), Mohammad Azharuddin, Sanjay Manjrekar, Kapil Dev, Ravi Shastri, Robin Singh, Ajay Sharma, Kiran More, Chetan Sharma, Arshad Ayub, Sanjeev Sharma.

Scoreboard

INDIA first innings 411 for six declared (N. Sidhu 114, S. Manjrekar 109)

WEST INDIES Under-23 XI first innings (overnight) 194 for two:

D. Morgan b S. Sharma.....39
S. Dhaniram c K. Karim b S. Sharma 61
D. Joseph b Ayub.....31
B. Lara c Manjrekar b Hirwani.....182
J. Adams lbw b Ayub.....1
J. Murray lbw b Hirwani.....14
N. Perry c Ayub b Venkataraman 22
A. Lenin lbw b Hirwani.....25
K. Benjamin lbw b Hirwani.....9
R. Dhamraj lbw b Hirwani.....1
L. Joseph not out.....9
Extras (lb-9 nb-2).....11
TOTAL.....405

Fall of wickets: 1-44 2-100 3-195 4-197 5-232 7-362 8-388 9-395

Bowling: S. Sharma 17-0-61-2, Singh 6-0-25-0, Ayub 35-6-69-2, Hirwani 36-1-150-5, Venkataraman 26-8-72-1, Srikkanth 7-4-19-0.

INDIA second innings

Arun Lal not out.....21
S. Karim not out.....13
Extras (nb-5).....5

Total (for no wicket).....39

Bowling: L. Joseph 5-1-19-0, Benjamin 2-0-16-0, Perry 2-1-4-0.

Result: Match drawn

Agassi advances as Seguso defaults in Indian Wells

Becker and Edberg upset by Americans

INDIAN WELLS, Calif., March 17, (Reuter): Boris Becker, the top seed and twice defending champion, won only two games in a stunning third-round upset by American Jay Berger yesterday in the Indian Wells Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Becker, a shadow of his usual self on court, lost to the unseeded American 6-1 6-1 in just 73 minutes on a tumultuous day at the \$702,000 event.

Second seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden was also upset, falling to 16th-seeded American Michael Chang 6-3 6-2.

Abuse

In yet another twist in the tournament, third seed Andre Agassi advanced when unseeded fellow-American Robert Seguso was defaulted for abuse of Australian umpire Richard Ings. The final score was 5-7 6-2 0-0.

Mild by comparison was the upset achieved by Yannick Noah, the 12th-seeded Frenchman, who escaped four match points to beat fifth-seeded Swiss Jakob Hlasek 5-7 7-6 3-6.

Becker, third in the world, lacked feel on his strokes, misfired on his first serve and watched passing shots by Berger sail by him for winners.

Berger led 4-0 before Becker won a game, holding serve for 4-1 with an ace. But two games later a pair of backhand volley errors cost Becker another service break and the set.

Berger continued to play steadily from the baseline in the second set, capitalising on Becker's frequent errors. He broke the West German in the second and fourth games for a 4-0 lead.

At 5-1, Berger broke a string, switched rackets and promptly double-faulted at match point. But his nerves held and he clinched the match on his second opportunity.

"This is my biggest win," said Berger, ranked 39, who posted a win last year over Swede Mats Wilander. "This was bigger because I don't like to play big serve-and-volleyers. I wasn't doing much, just keeping the ball nice and deep."

Becker said he felt tired. "The fact that I lost one and one both tells me," he said. "I don't know why. I had a terrible start and I was quite flat. It was always a step too late."

Chang, 17, also had his biggest upset in ousting Edberg.

His demolition of Edberg marked a reversal of their match a week ago in Scottsdale, Arizona, which Edberg won with



Becker: third round upset

chance but I could not take advantage. I think I lost more service games today than I've lost in a long time."

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Phelps upsets Sabatini in Florida

BOCA RATON, Fla., March 17. (Reuter): American Terry Phelps upset defending champion Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina 6-2 7-6 (7-3) yesterday to reach the quarterfinals of the \$300,000 Florida women's tennis tournament.

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Phelps, who faces Czechoslovak Jana Novotna in a quarterfinal matchup of unseeded players, said she

thought she could beat Sabatini, a good friend, but could not believe it when she accomplished it.

Sabatini recently switched to a midsize racquet but would not blame her defeat on the new equipment.

"I know she is tough. I didn't play as well as I expected, but my racquet was not the problem. My first serve was bad. Maybe I need to play more matches," said Sabatini.

The other quarterfinal will have fourth-seed Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia against unseeded American Halle Ciuffi.

Sukova beat Ros Fairbank of South Africa 7-6 (10-8) 6-0, and Ciuffi defeated compatriot Ann Grossman 3-6 6-1 6-1.

Seventh-seeded Helen Kelesi outlasted her Canadian Federation Cup teammate Rene Simpson, 7-5, 7-5, in another third-round evening match.

Chris Evert, seeded third in the tournament and No. 4 in the world, in the afternoon held off Barbara Paulus, 18, of Austria, 6-0, 7-5.

Evert appeared to be heading toward an easy victory before it was over.

The other quarterfinal will be between No. 32 in world rankings, unseeded Sandra Cechova of Italy, 14th seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France and 11th-seeded Nicole Prohov of Austria.

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ning the first set from Fairbank in the tiebreaker. The Czech player lost a 4-1 lead in game and a 4-1 lead in the tiebreaker, but survived a set point in the tiebreaker and then won the second set at love.

Concentration

"I'm playing better because I'm winning these close matches," she said. "I lost concentration but I'm happy now."

Fernandez had full control against Harper, breaking serve in the first game and taking a 4-1 lead in the second set.

"I felt good today," said Fernandez, who had suffered heat exhaustion while getting by Im Scheuer-Larsen of Denmark in the second round. "I prepared better for the day, resting and drinking liquids."

Meanwhile, Graf coasted into the quarterfinals with a 47-minute victory over 12th-seeded American Susan Sloane 6-0 6-1 leaving the rest of the draw behind in the third round on Wednesday.

Three seeds were beaten in second-round matches, including ninth-seeded Sandra Cechova of Italy, 14th seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France and 11th-seeded Nicole Prohov of Austria.

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John Ngugi leads Kenya's defence of cross-country race title

STAVANGER, Norway, March 17. (Reuter): John Ngugi, the uncanny but unrivaled king of cross-country, chases an unprecedented fourth successive individual title on Sunday as a Kenyan team again ready to defend the world championship to a one-nation contest.

Kenyans' romp to the men's team gold in New Zealand last year with a brilliant demonstration of team-running looks certain to be repeated when battle commences on the looping 12-km circuit around Stavanger's picturesque golf course.

Ngugi, the loping Olympic 5,000-metre champion, will again head the charge through the mud as he and his compatriots attempt to extend a reign of individual and team supremacy which began in Switzerland in 1986.

Ngugi won by 22 seconds from compatriot Paul Kipkoech last year as Kenya packed their six scoring runners into the first seven places and filled eighth and ninth places as well.

Ethiopian Abebe Mekonnen ruined what would have been a remarkable Kenyan sweep by finishing fifth to help his nation to second place in the team competition.

Mekonnen, second to Ngugi in 1986, is again sure to emerge as a leading rival along with Olympic 10,000-metres champion Brahim Boutayeb of Morocco.

But Ngugi, an Army corporal from Nairobi, is likely to face most the challenge of his own teammates, particularly that of Boniface Merende, fourth in Auckland but last month's winner of the Kenyan cross-country championship in which Ngugi finished 32 seconds adrift in seventh after suffering a bout of malaria.

World 10,000 metres champion Kipkoech is absent this year but the Kenyans never short of capable replacements, have introduced twice world junior champion Wilfred Kirondu into their senior squad now that he is ineligible for the younger race.

Alex English scored 32 points as the Denver Nuggets routed the San Antonio Spurs 119-102.

Meanwhile, the National Basketball Association games played on Wednesday:

Cleveland beat Chicago Bulls 115-91; Philadelphia 76ers beat New Jersey Nets 100-96; Utah Jazz beat Portland Trail Blazers 102-95; San Antonio Spurs beat Milwaukee Bucks 110-104; Golden State Warriors beat Dallas Mavericks 113-100; Miami Heat beat Los Angeles Clippers 109-103.

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